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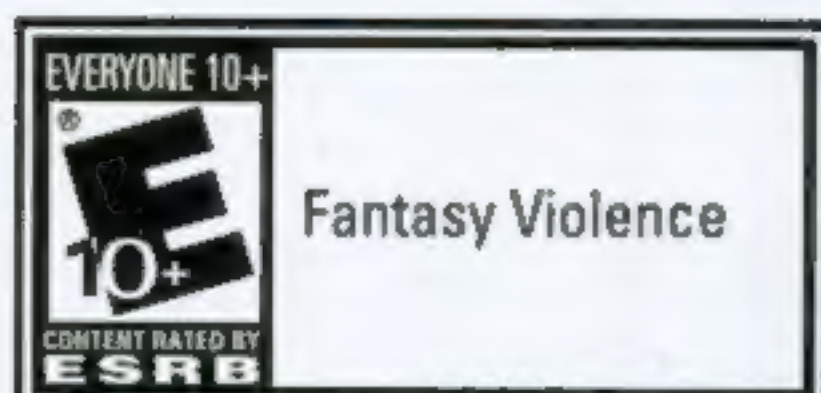
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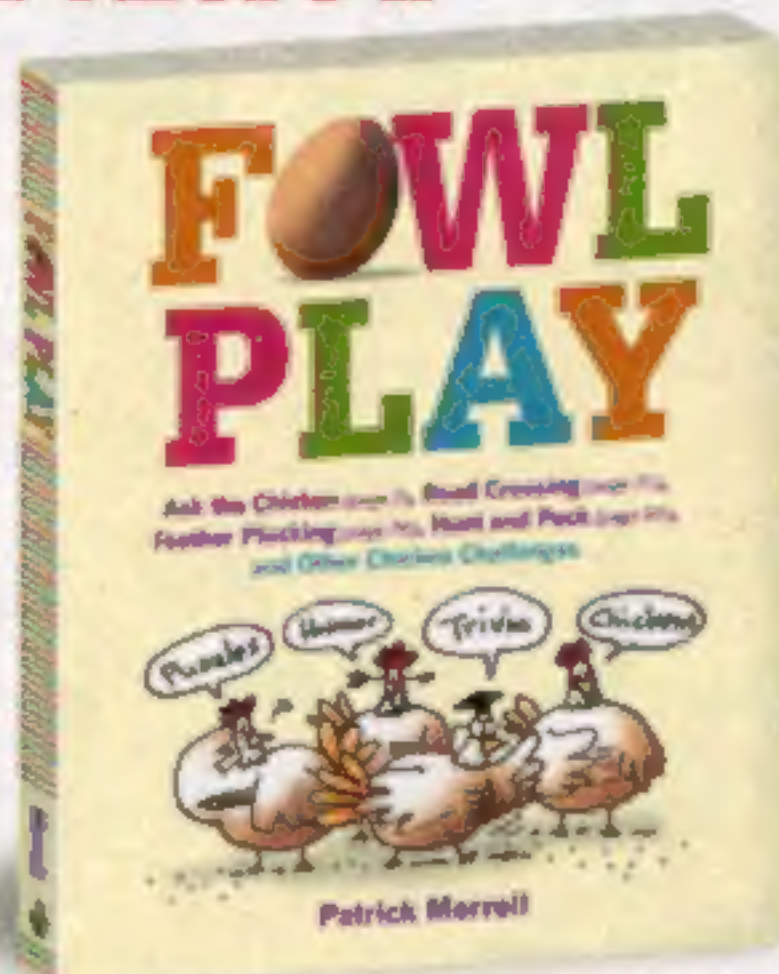
I am an avid reader of MAD magazine. I have read almost every single one. I also read my dad's old ones. But now I am quite annoyed that it takes four months to publish each issue. So why, MAD magazine, do you take so darn long to make one? Do you want us to get smart and stop reading? But I still love the magazine, the last issue was hilarious! So the choice is yours — do you want me reading a book?

Sam Clark, Greenwood Village, CO

Sam-Wow! — Reading a book is a great idea — we suggest starting with *Bo Confidential* (written by the editors of MAD and published by those loveable palookas over at Running Press). It's available wherever books are sold — so head out today, quit your belly-aching and keep giving us your money! —Ed.

MAD Reader Alert 1

MAD artist and writer Patrick Merrell just released *Fowl Play*, a book of chicken-themed puzzles, jokes, games and trivia. What's this mean to you, you wonder? Geez, it's *always* about you, isn't it? Well, if your letter was published this issue, you get a copy! It's published by Storey Publishing and it's on sale now!



MAD ON FAMILY GUY!

A recent episode of *Family Guy* featured a character in the style of legendary MAD artist Don Martin — complete with trademark sound effects! We'd say the reference was a pretty bizarre non-sequitur...but those make up 99% of *Family Guy*, don't they?

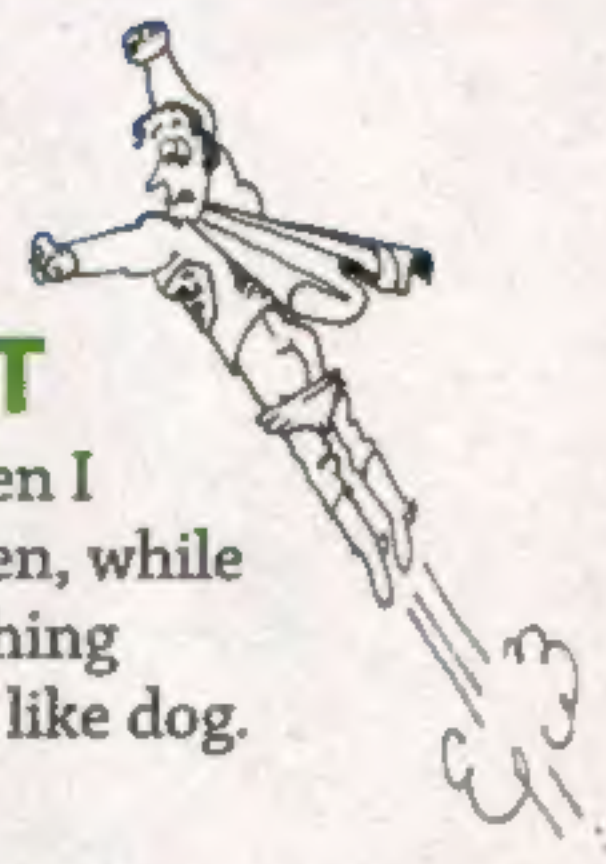


NOT FIT FOR MAD OR BEAST

You have a new fan — my dog! First, he smiled when I rubbed his belly with the edge of the magazine. Then, while I was looking at "Mismatch.com," he started scratching at the magazine. You know what they say, like son, like dog.

Calvin Sharp, Southport, CT

Sharp Attack — Your dog loved the belly rub and then scratched at the magazine? That's so weird! When we showed him the latest issue, MAD artist and writer John Caldwell had the exact same reaction! You know what they say, like dog, like Caldwell! —Ed.



ANTIQUES FREAKSHOW

Will you please tell me how much my beloved lamby lamp is worth? His precious face has been by my bed watching me sleep since before I can remember. Lamby was especially valuable in college because girls would take one look into his glossy eyes at my bedside and beg me to turn out the light. I can't seem to put a price on my lamby, can you?

Johnny Mauger, Wooster, OH

Johnny Cakes — Thanks for sending in your photo. As usual, when we receive a question regarding collectibles, knick knacks or tchotchkes, we send it right off to our own memorabilia maven, Hans Brickface. Here's what he had to say about your lamp:



"Oh my sweet shining stars! This work is clearly the product of a skilled and sinister artisan. This was your bedside lamp as a young man? Did you get even a WINK of sleep knowing that this innocently-creepy beast of death was watching over you? My god, man, just look at his eyes — they're turned away as if he was checking that the coast was clear before bludgeoning you in your sleep. I don't know what it is worth, but I would pay ANY price to never have to lay eyes on it again!"

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

Casablanca. Zebras. Swirl ice cream. Some things are great in black and white! And you can add this month's envelope of the month from Olga S. of Los Angeles, California to that list! Also, nuns. We love nuns.



LETTERS and Tomatoes

A CASE OF WRITE AND WRONG

Me and my friends at school all read MAD and think that it is the best magazine ever. But now they are all starting to think that MAD's "Letters and Tomatoes" is fake and MAD makes the letters up. Please help me prove them wrong.

Ryan Taber, Patterson, NY

Taber Tots — If we WERE making up the letters, don't you think we'd come up with something more interesting than yours? The good news is, you're right — the letters are all real! The bad news, however, is that you're the smartest one in your group of friends. And that's just kinda sad. —Ed.



HOORAY FOR FREE LABOR!

Another summer has come and gone — and with it, our delightful summer interns, Sarah Chalek and Matt Lassen! What does the future hold for these bright-eyed young hopefuls? Embarrassment at their association with this magazine, we'd imagine...



MAD Reader Alert 2

You lucky so-and-so's! If your letter was printed, you'll receive some of the items in this treasure trove of cool stuff! You'll get *Sudoku Ball-Detective* (for either PC or DS) — a revolutionary new take on popular Sudoku puzzle games — solve murder mysteries and Sudoku puzzles at the same time — courtesy of our amigos at Playlogic! You'll also be getting *Sgt. Frog Season 1, Part 1* on DVD, courtesy of our pally-pals at FUNimation Entertainment! And you'll receive a copy of *Guitar Hero 5* for the Wii, courtesy of our hard-rocking buds at Activision. And, because reading is fundamental, you'll also get *Twitter Wit*, edited by Nick Douglas, courtesy of our comrades at It Books. If you missed out, don't sweat it, they're all on sale now!



TYPO NEGATIVE

I was reading MAD #501. On page 8 (where the Lobster talks about subscribing to MAD) in the last paragraph it says, "That's why I don the lobster suit and risk the scalding hot kettle and the drawn butter sauce." Well, I got so excited that I found a typo in MAD. I thought "don" was supposed to be "done." Until my parents crushed my dreams and said that "don" was a word. So I looked it up and it said "don" is to put on an article of clothing. Keep writing, MAD!

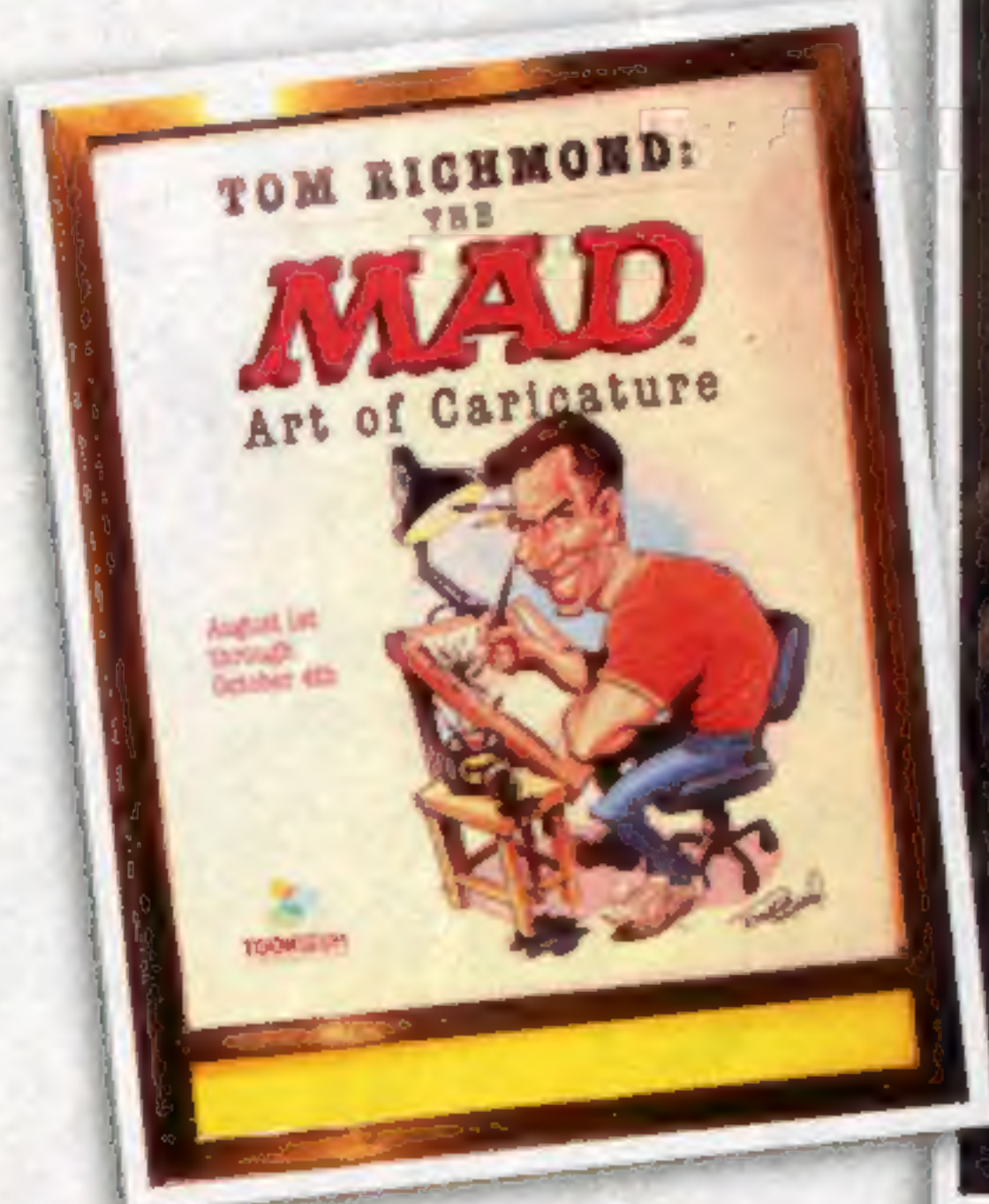
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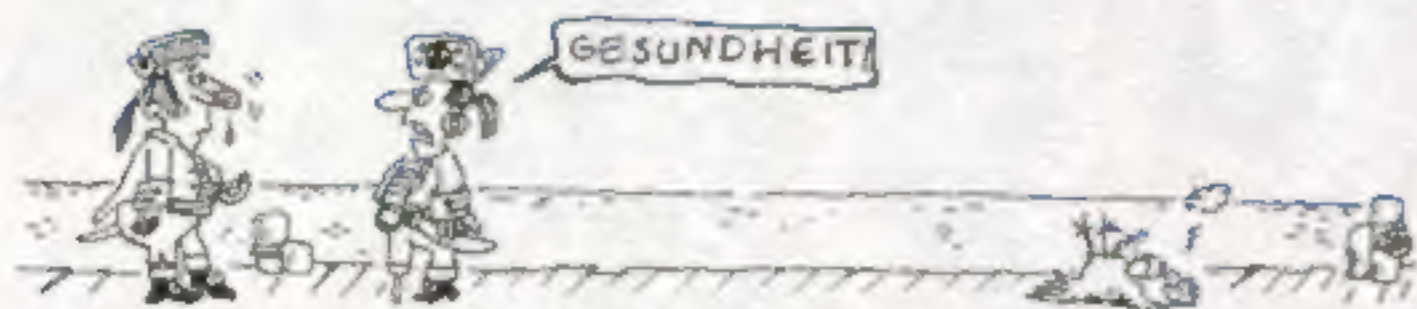
Smitty — If you're happy, then we've don our job! —Ed.



BLIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

MAD artist Tom Richmond was recently honored by the ToonSeum at the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh with the exhibit "Tom Richmond: The MAD Art of Caricature." Congrats, Tom! And our condolences on your shirt!





MAD Celebrity Snaps

I got this picture with Mr. McFeely from *Mister Roger's Neighborhood*. I got it while working as a volunteer at a local science museum. The work can get a little tedious after telling a kid for the 500th time how to work an exhibit, so I often bring a MAD magazine to corrupt the children and help the time fly by. Can I have my free three-year subscription?

Daniel Fetigan,
Sarasota, FL

Boba Fet —
There's something
very unsettling
about this picture.
"McFeely," indeed!
We'll give you the
three-year sub,
but let's never
speak of this
again! —Ed.



WHEN THE SHIRT HITS THE FANS

If you saw *Funny People* (and judging from the box office numbers, you probably didn't!), then you also saw Seth Rogen wearing a custom-made MAD shirt! Thanks for the plug, guys!



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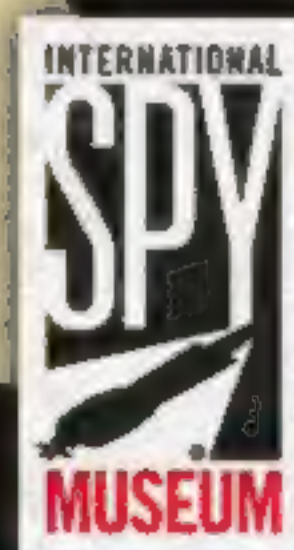
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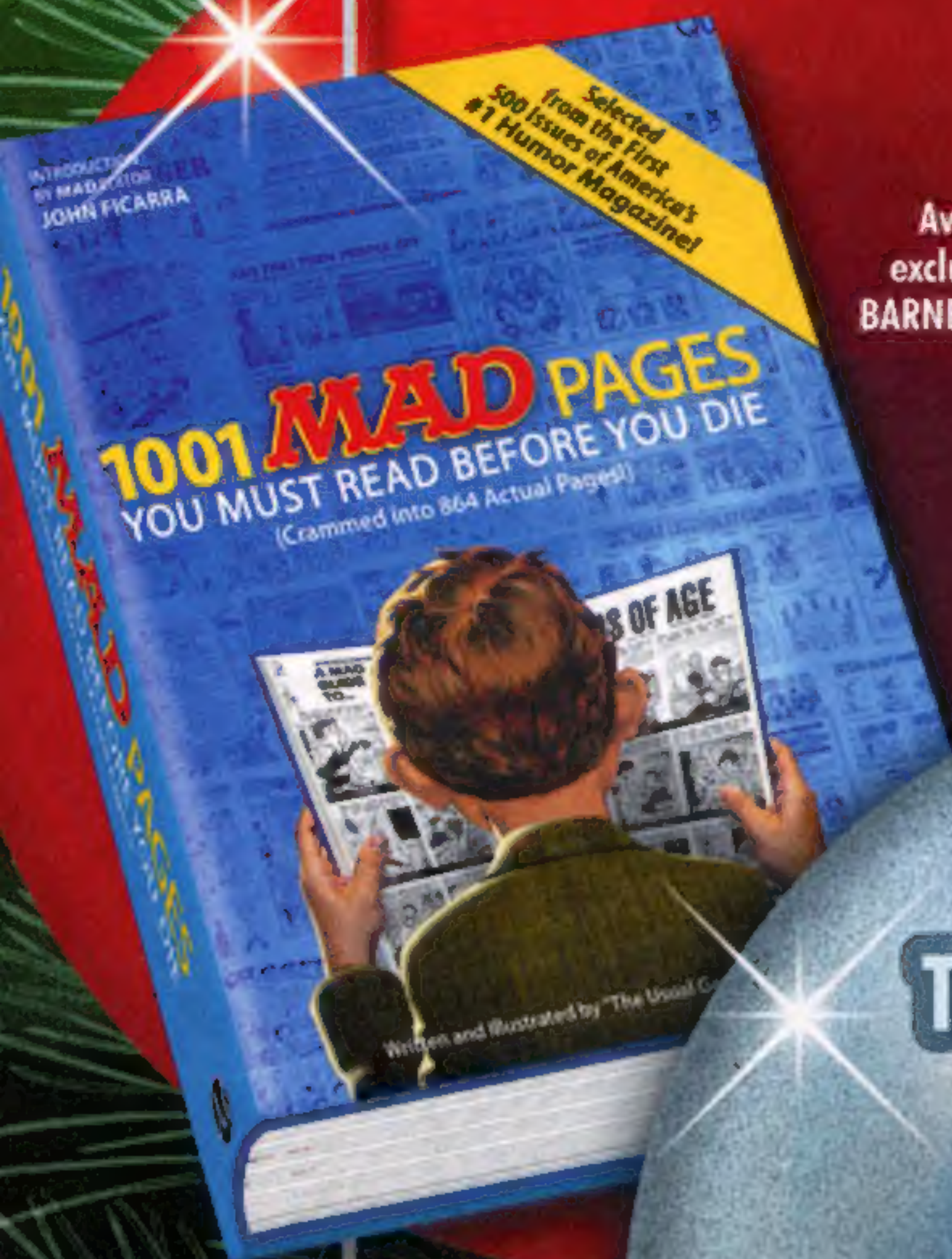
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Last issue we told you that The Ojai Valley Museum in Ojai, California was honoring MAD artist and writer Sergio Aragones with a retrospective of his work. The exhibit included a recreation of Sergio's studio and hand-drawn marginals, right on the walls! To all you despicable cads who doubted it was true, here's the photographic proof!



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Celebrity Cause of Death Betting Odds KATE GOSSELIN

- Delayed uterus implosion....2:1
- Multiple matricide.....8:1
- Rubbed out by insanely jealous Octomom for stealing her thunder.....14:1
- Fatal skull fracture after duck mistakes her ridiculous haircut for the ass of a mallard.....34:1
- Stumbles and falls while dancing with Jon at 50th wedding anniversary party.....7,000,000:1



LeLievre and Let LeLievre



"So if neither of us exists, then technically, this never happened."

The Godfrey Report

IN	5 MINUTES AGO	OUT
Crackpots	Screwballs	Kooks
Bupkis	Zilch	Diddlysquats
Fops	Coxcombs	Popinjays

Answer To Last Month's Problem: "The \$50 Bill and the Drinking Straw"

Since the parameters of the puzzle did not state that the bill must remain intact, passing an unfolded fifty through the straw is an easy feat. The bill is simply shredded with a cheese grater and carefully poured through the straw. A clever, albeit expensive, solution.

Next Month:
"The \$100 Bill and the Blowtorch"

MELVIN & JENKINS' Guide to Personal Health



Jenkins gets an oddly-shaped mole checked out immediately, and is relieved to learn it's nothing more than an oddly-shaped mole.



Melvin spends two weeks thinking he has incurable cancer, before realizing it was just a grape Skittle.

Writer: Desmond Devlin Artist: Kevin Pope

The Cougar (Episode 1)



Writer & Artist: Scott Nickel

THE U.S. AUTO INDUSTRY: AN INCOMPLETE TIMELINE

Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Bob Staake

Chrysler eliminates 5,000 assembly line workers and replaces them with robots. The plans goes awry, however, when the robots — which were made by Ford — immediately go on strike.

Pontiac unveils their new slogan, "We Build Excitement," which beats out other candidates such as "We Stoke Resentment" and "We Spew Exhaust Fumes."

It is announced that, starting in 2003, all Cadillac models will feature a built-in system similar to OnStar, but with phone sex operators. Sales skyrocket.

GM unveils the Cadillac Converj. Experts predict that, by 2014, all American-made autos will have misspelled names.

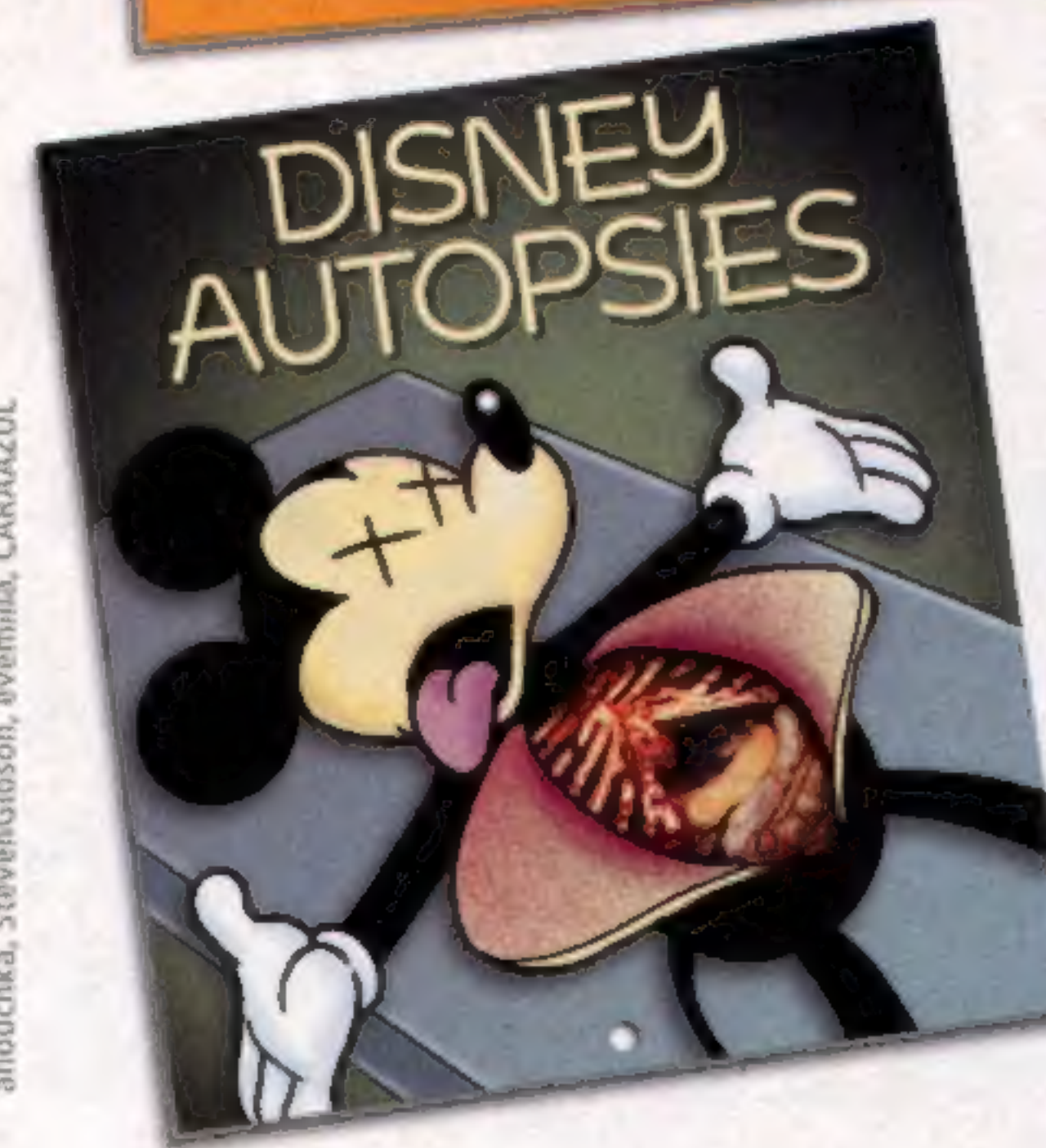
American Motors experiences its first notable failure when it attempts to market "personal hearses." Within months of its introduction, The Casketeer Mark IV goes into the dustbin of automotive history.

Scientists employed by the auto industry are applauded after they discover a way to speed up the "legal disclaimer" mumbo jumbo in car lease radio commercials.

Environmental advocates are not impressed by Ford's first "hybrid," the Blowfly — since it runs on high octane and diesel.

Executives from GM, Ford and Chrysler petition the government for a bailout, arguing that Japanese competitors had an unfair advantage, "what with their emphasis on superior product."

WORST-SELLING 2010 CALENDARS



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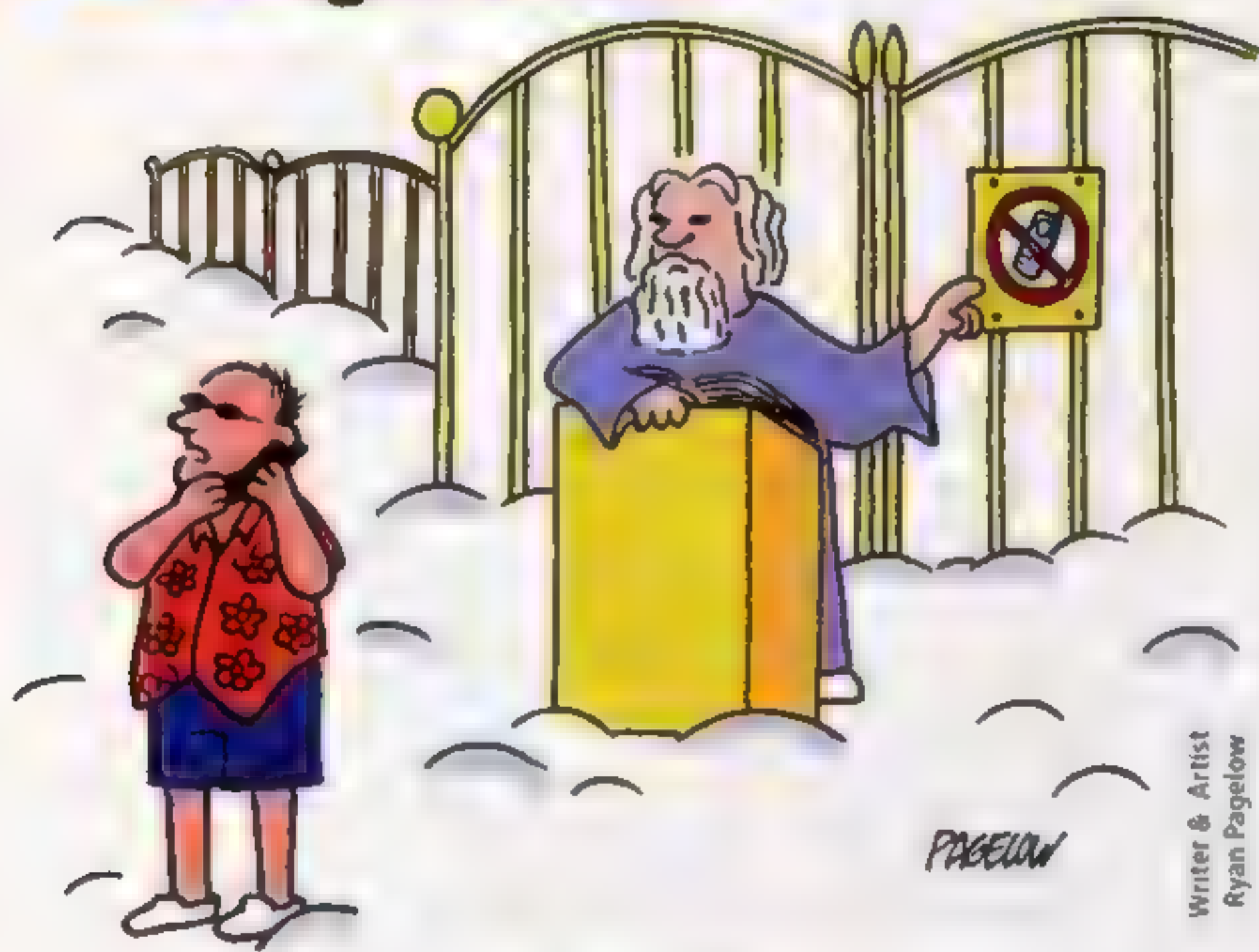
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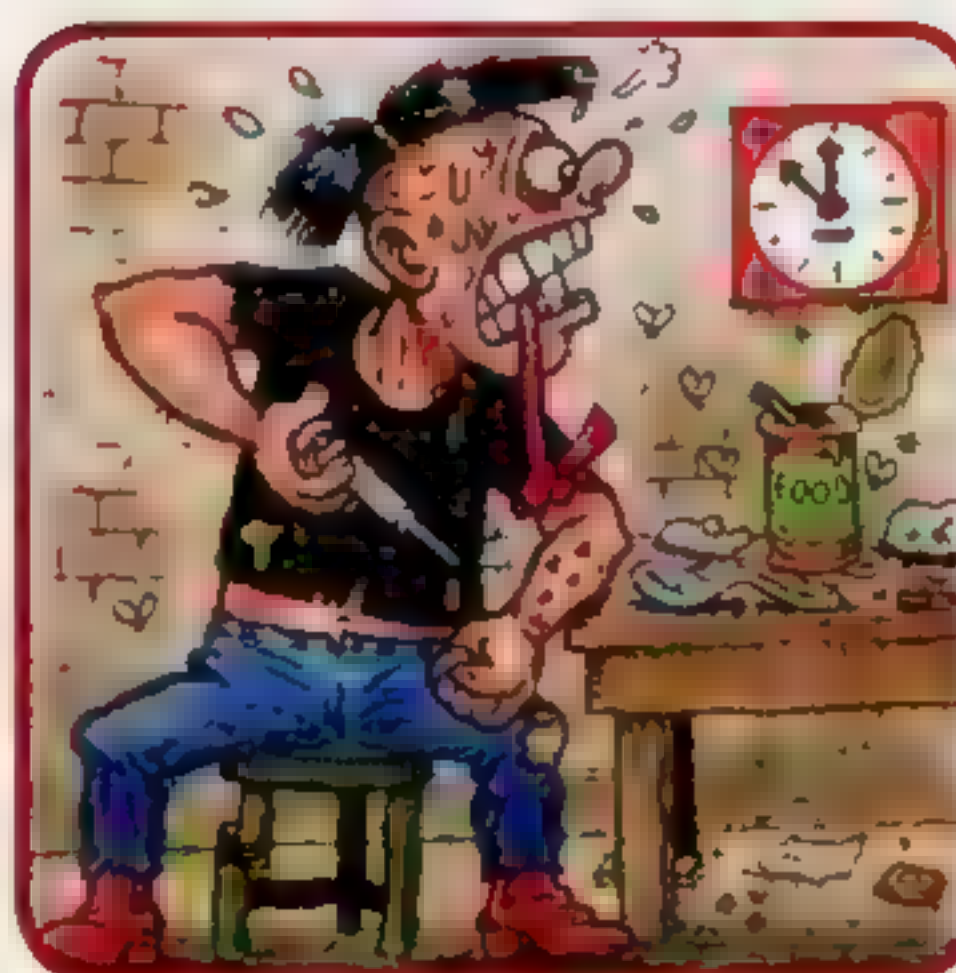
The Ryan's Den



Writer & Artist
Ryan Pagelow

"Yeah, clouds and the whole nine yards. But, listen, I've got to go. Some bearded guy is being a real douche."

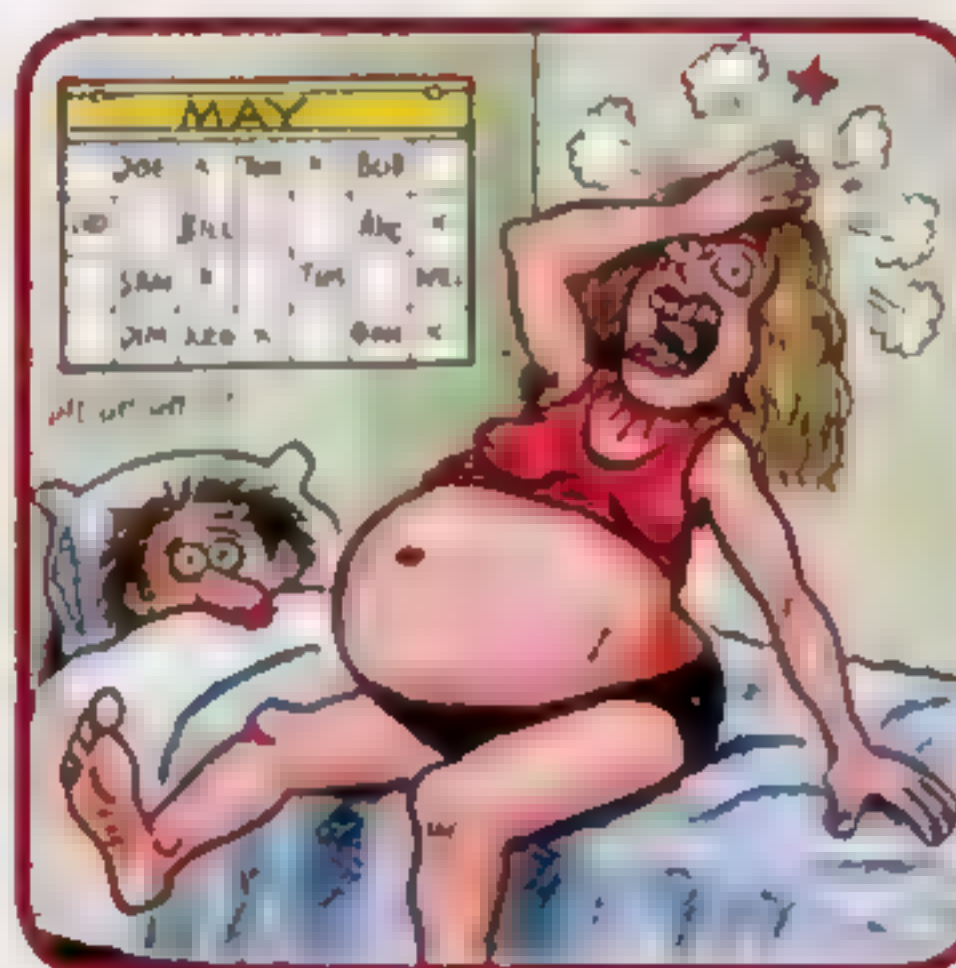
MEDICAL MYTHS YOU JUST SHOULDN'T BELIEVE



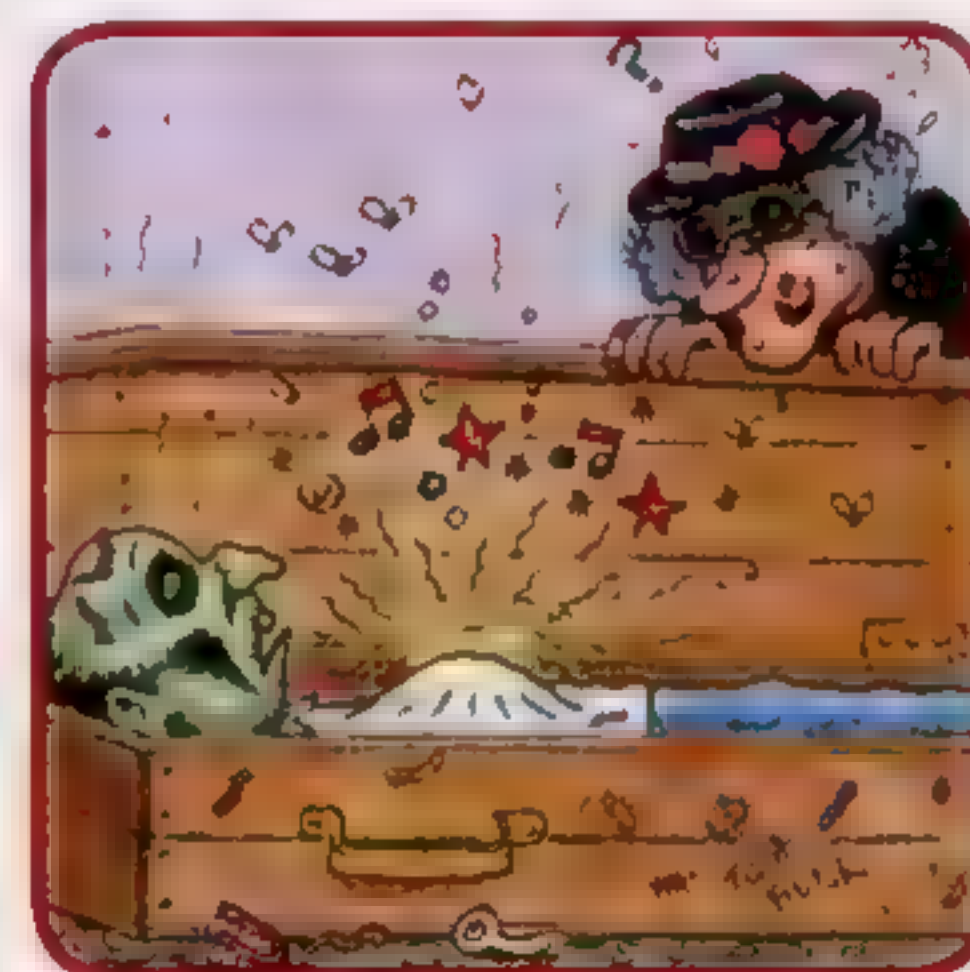
You should wait at least an hour after eating before shooting heroin



Many people have the exact same fingerprints, but the authorities claim otherwise in order to discourage crime



Girls can't get pregnant the first, ninth, seventeenth and twenty-third time they have sex



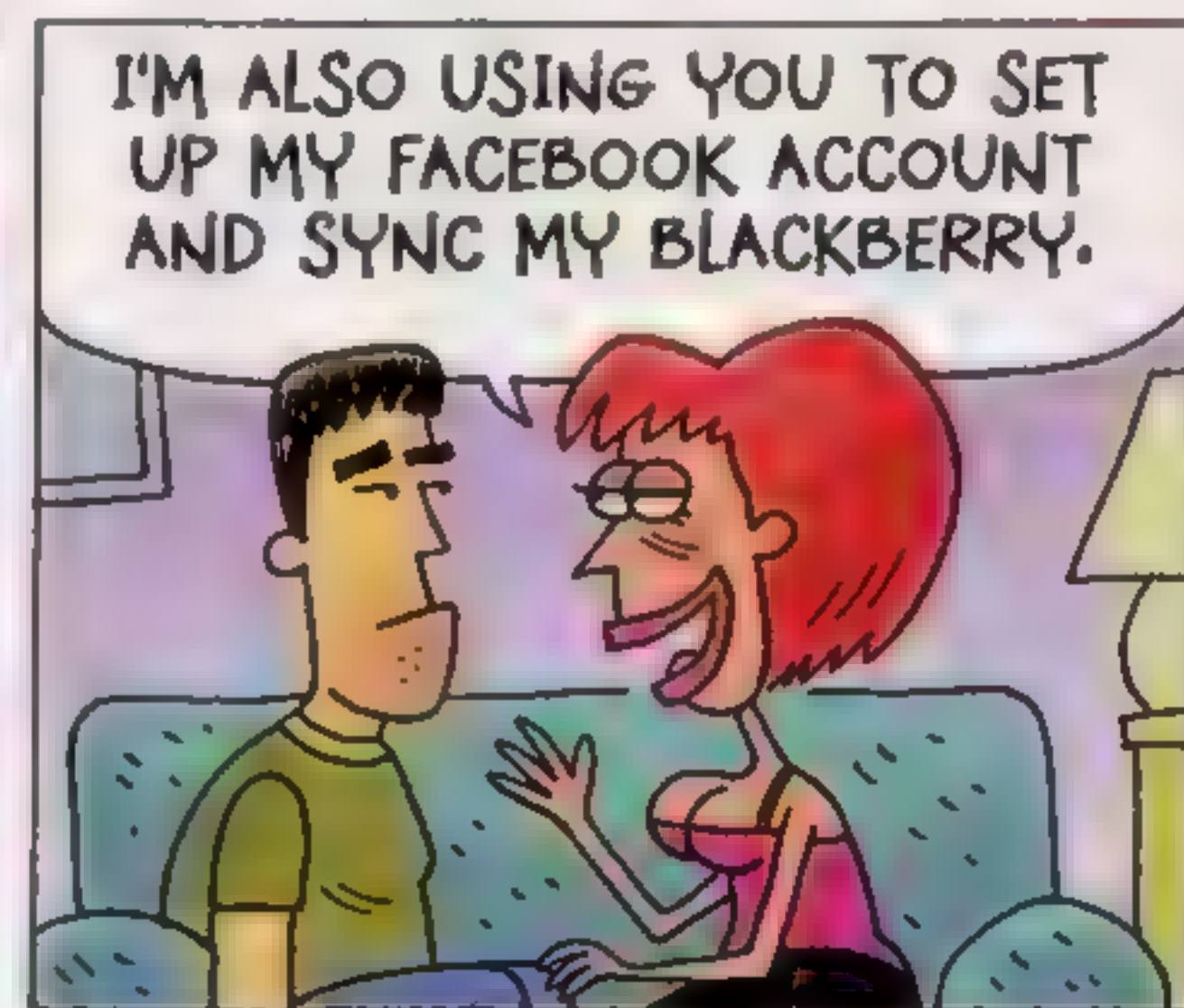
The gallbladder functions perfectly up to a month after death



Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Tom Bunk

If you shave off all your body hair, it will grow back thicker, and in a totally different color

The Cougar (Episode 2)



Writer & Artist: Scott Nickel

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The Fast Five

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- 1 It includes even more useful features stolen from Apple
- 2 Your computer will run much faster because you won't be able to load most of your old programs
- 3 Less use of the word "Vista" means less instances of involuntary twitching amongst PC users everywhere
- 4 Newly designed front screen is cleaner, so it's much easier to read Fatal Error messages
- 5 PC users will enjoy a "virus-free feeling" for two weeks while hackers prepare major security breaches for Windows 7



Writer: Dick DeBartolo Artist: John Caldwell

Katz All, Folks



Writer & Artist: Farley Katz

"Mom, Dad, relax — it's an *ironic* Hitler moustache."

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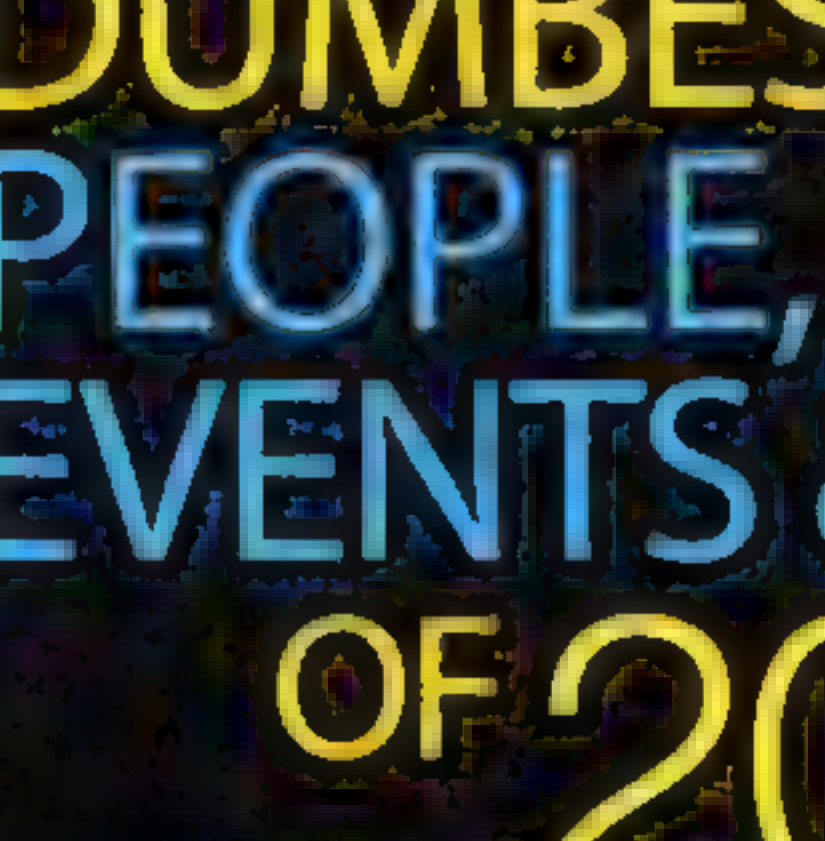
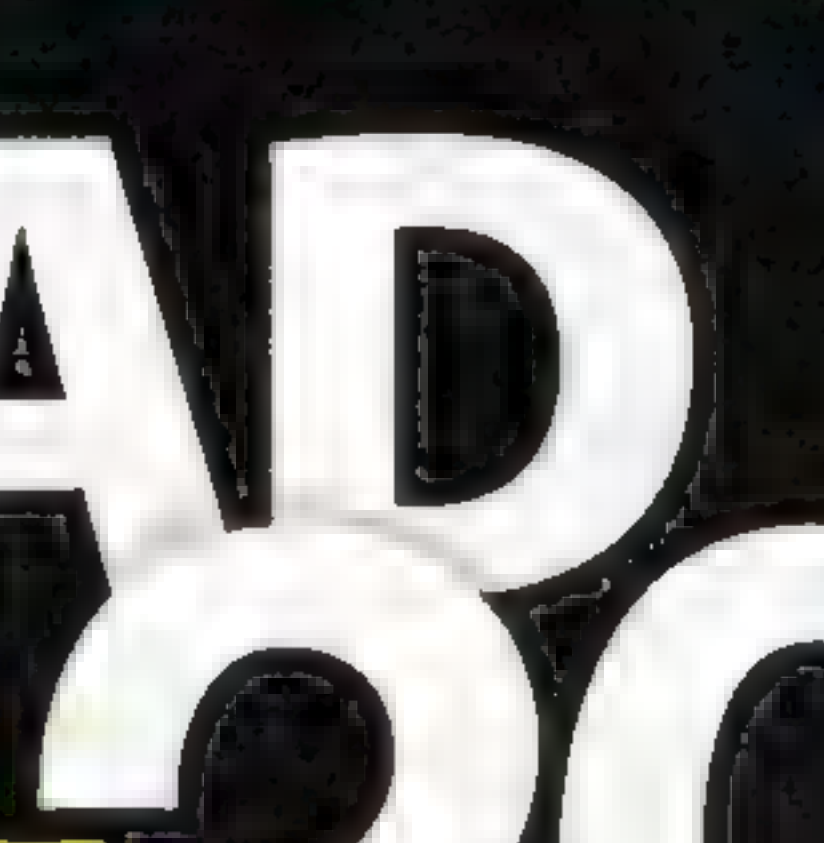
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The 7 Habits of	Marley and Me's	Ring-Wing Agenda

Writer: Darren Johnson

The Cougar (Episode 3)



Writer: Artist: Scott Nickel



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Michael Jackson's personal and professional lives were filled with countless peaks and valleys. He was tremendously talented, but also tremendously f---ed up. Now, we don't like to speak ill of the dead, but here goes anyway: Jacko was a self-important, over-medicated, emotionally stunted, borderline pedophile who hadn't recorded a good song in 20 years. There, we said it. Now the grieving can begin.



St. Michael of Netherland,

Son of Joseph, Heavenly Moonwalker

Thou shalt be remembered always as the singer of songs, the dancer of dances — and not as the changer of noses, the dangler of infants, the toucher of children.

For thou hast proclaimed thine self the King of Pop — and thou shalt be remembered thusly. May all who forsake you suffer a fate worse than Tito's solo career, for thine life shall be everlasting through the endless reissuing and exploitation of thine earthly works. Amen. Shamon.

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CORPORATE BAILOUTS *Keeping Bad Companies*

In a real capitalist society, when companies fail, they go out of business. But in the U.S. some companies are designated as "too big to fail" and get special treatment. These behemoth institutions are actually allowed to steal money, screw investors, post record losses and *still* pay out millions of dollars in bonuses to the greedy, incompetent, reckless, white collar, criminal executive scumbags who run them. President Obama was so upset about this that he gave a disapproving speech to Congress before signing off on a multi-billion dollar government bail-out plan. Ain't that America!



ARTIST:
HERMANN MEIXNER

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JON & KATE PLUS 8 The Parent Trap

It was a charade! It was a sham! It was a ruse! It was season 5 of *Jon and Kate Plus 8*! This season we learned that when your marriage is crumbling and your family is in danger of falling apart, the best thing to do is to keep those cameras rolling and act like nothing's wrong! To be fair, lots of couples going through a divorce will put on a brave face for the ones they love. It's just that in this case, the loved ones were the network and their sponsors. We hope Jon and Kate made a lot of dough this season — because the cost of 8 child therapists is really going to add up.

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that led to
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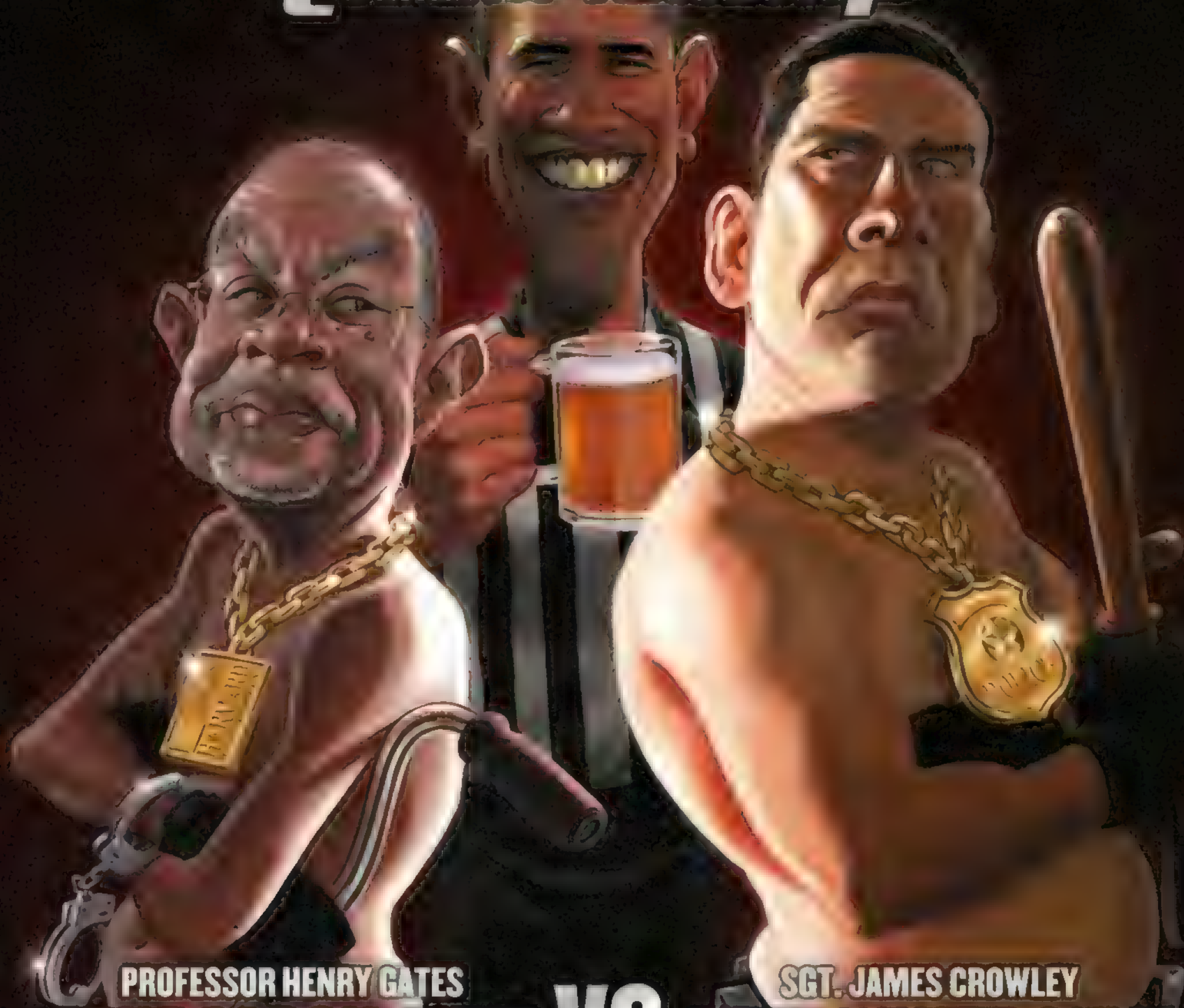
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DRUNKEN STUPORS!

8 CHILDREN WERE BARNED
IN THE MAKING OF THIS VIDEO

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HENRY GATES ARRESTED IN OWN HOME *Beer & Loathing*

An esteemed black professor in need of anger management is arrested by an overzealous white cop for the heinous crime of being in his own home. Not since the OJ trial have racial tensions made for such mind-numbing media melodrama. Obama called the actions of the white cop "stupid," then realized that he was stupid for saying it. So, in a novel attempt to heal the nation's centuries-old racial divide, he invited the hotheaded black professor and the profiling white cop to a "Beer Summit" on the White House lawn. If only the President had thought to turn it into a pay-per-view event, he could have made enough money to pull the nation out of debt!

**ULTIMATE STEREOTYPING
CHAMPIONSHIP**

PROFESSOR HENRY GATES

SGT. JAMES CROWLEY

"THE BLACK GUY" VS "THE WHITE GUY"**THE BEATDOWN IN BEANTOWN**

GUEST REFEREE BARACK "THE BLACK & WHITE GUY" OBAMA
WITH AN INCONSEQUENTIAL APPEARANCE BY JOE BIDEN

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DICK CHENEY WON'T SHUT UP *Veep* Sh*t

Former Vice President Dick Cheney could be enjoying an idyllic retirement, hunting, killing and gutting his prey in his native Wyoming. Instead, the most secretive *Veep* in history is now on TV more than *Law & Order* reruns. Worse, all he talks about is his apparent love of bloodshed, torture and violence: executive assassination squads, his statement that Guantanamo is a "first class program," his defense of waterboarding and "enhanced interrogation techniques." This guy has more blood on his hands than a hemophiliac juggling razor blades. Since he likes being on TV so much, maybe he's even angling for his own series.

THE RETURN OF AMERICA'S FAVORITE SERIAL WATERBOARDER

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

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ANGRY TOWN HALL MEETINGS Loud to be an American

A baby starts crying in a movie theater. What's the first thing you think? Stop the movie and attend to the baby's needs? No, you just want someone — anyone! — to take the howling runt away. Now imagine that crying baby — and lots of others — has grown up, but his behavior stayed the same. That's what it was like at town hall meetings this year as birthers, deathers and other right wing morons stopped any intelligent discussions about health care reform. We wish their mommies were there to take the spoiled little bastards out the door — but our guess is that their mommies were already dead, probably because they couldn't afford adequate health care.

The Obama bill will force MEN to have SEX CHANGE operations, implant a FETUS, ABORT it, then make ME pay for it!

I read on some guy's BLOG that on PAGE 83 of the health care bill they will REVIVE the DISEMBODIED HEAD of HITLER, inject serum turning him GAY, and ORDER him to EXECUTE handicapped OLD FOLKS who attend CHURCHES where LIBERALS don't agree with their SERMONS!

Ted Kennedy FAKED his DEATH to get SYMPATHY VOTES for the PUBLIC OPTION!

If the LIBERALS have their way, TUMS SMOOTH DISSOLVE will be BANNED, forcing SENIORS to take the harder-to-chew TABLETS!

A panel of illegal MEXICAN FARM WORKERS will be formed to teach SEX EDUCATION to KIDS as YOUNG as SEVEN, and if they RESIST they'll be thrown into PRISON!

Obama wants to appoint MICHAEL JACKSON'S DOCTOR as SURGEON GENERAL and he'll FORCE us to take PROPOFOL!

NO OBAMA CARE!

Death panels

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

ARTIST: RICHARD WILLIAMS

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CAUGHT WITH HIS WORLDWIDE PANTS DOWN *By Dave Karger*

But Conan has long been revered as the king of cigar-smoking, monkey-punching weasels — but thanks to David Letterman, he finally has some competition. When a CBS producer tried shaking Dave down for a cool two million bucks to keep quiet about some creepy affairs, Dave ran to the cops and the rest is history — and about six months worth of monologue material for Jay, Conan, Jimmy, Craig and Dave himself. The whole sordid tale stinks worse than the potato salad at Rupert Jee's Hello Deli.



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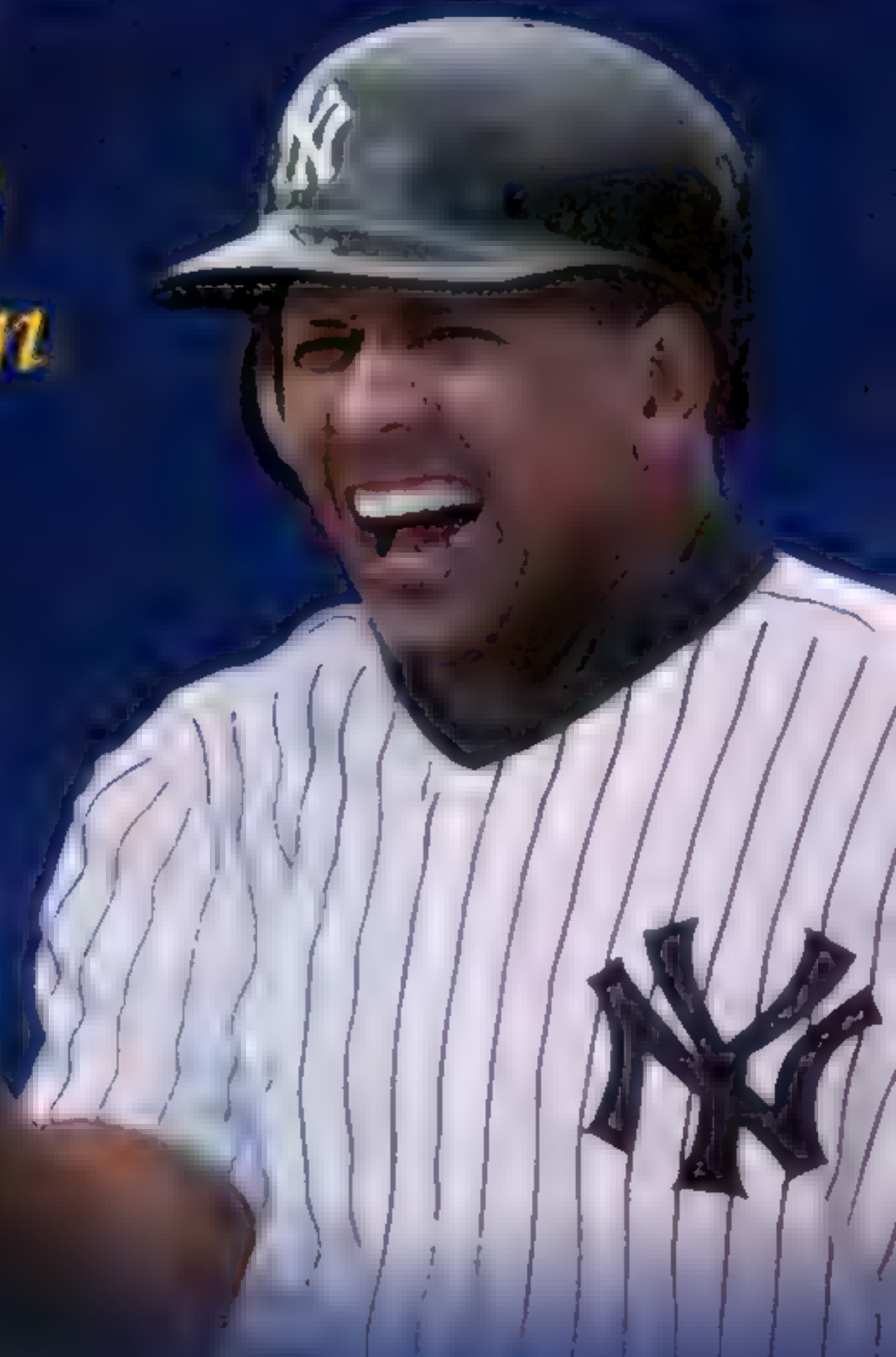
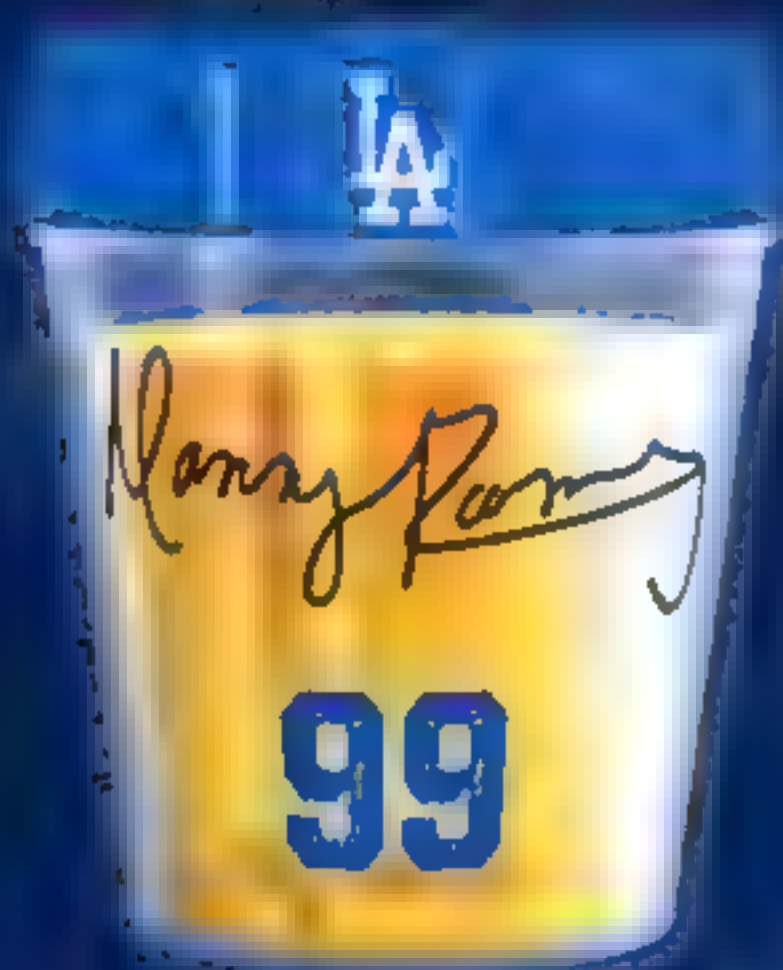
BASEBALL'S ONGOING SCANDAL *Urine Trouble Again*

The 1950 Phillies are known as baseball's Whiz Kids — and now so are the 105 cheaters whose names were on the "secret" list of players who tested positive for steroids. This year, some high-profile names, such as A-Rod, Big Papi and Manny Ramirez, were leaked to the press, and a stream of bad publicity soon flowed, giving a whole new meaning to the term yellow journalism. The players whipped out their usual piss-poor excuses. We hope MLB quickly puts this scandal behind them because we're officially out of urine puns. Then, they can get back to doing what they do best — crassly merchandising every aspect of America's beloved national pastime.

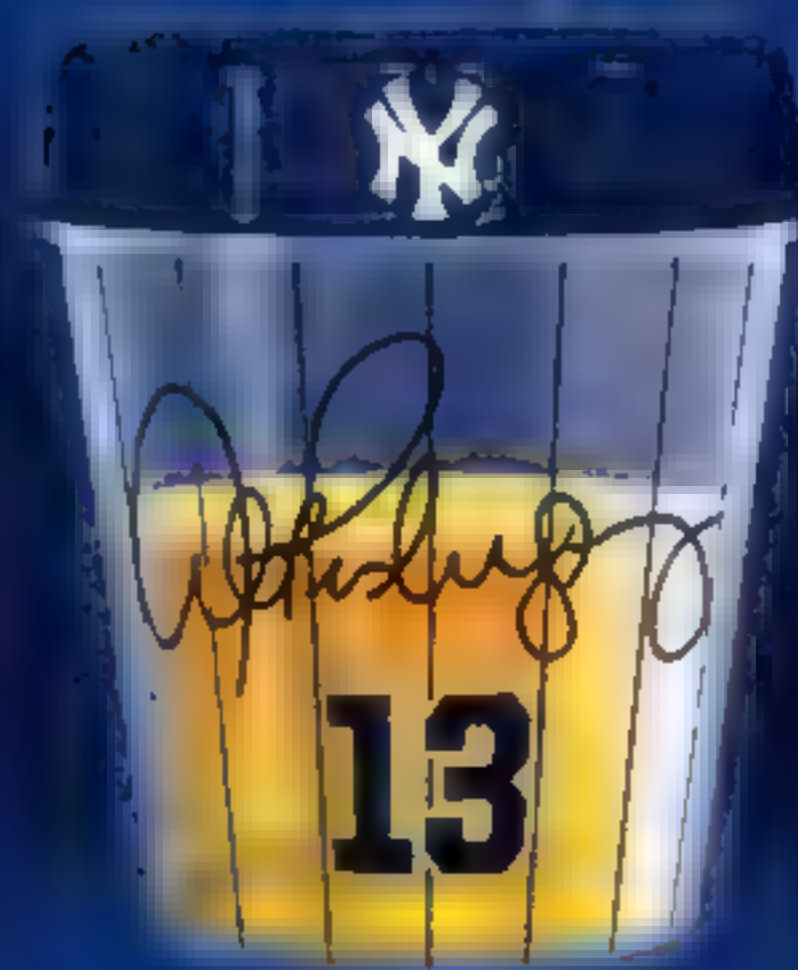
Commemorate Baseball's Biggest Scandal with *The Official MLB Piss Cup Collection*



Manny Ramirez



Alex Rodriguez



The #1 Sports Collectible!

These stunning collectibles are painstaking reproductions of the very same piss cups urinated into by baseball's biggest superstars for their failed steroid tests. From Big Mac to Big Papi, the piss cups of all the greatest cheaters are here, ready to be displayed on your bookshelf, mantel or toilet tank.

Each piss cup is emblazoned with the player's signature, number and logo of one of the teams he played on when using a banned substance. Order today and we'll start your collection with A-Rod! As a special bonus, the first 1,000 orders will receive a 3 oz. sample of A-Rod's actual urine with a Certificate of Authenticity.

Every month we'll send you a new piss cup of a steroid-tainted player. You'll get Bonds, Clemens, Ramirez, plus all the other cheaters from the "secret" list of users as their names are leaked to the press.

To get your collection flowing, go to MLBpisscupcollection.com

Note: Any peeing in this cup without the express written consent of Major League Baseball is strictly prohibited.

Roger Clemens



Rafael Palmeiro



Jason Giambi



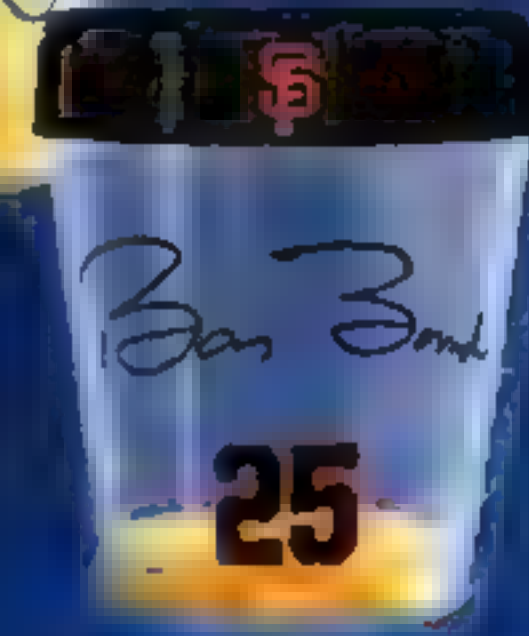
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Sammy Sosa



David Ortiz

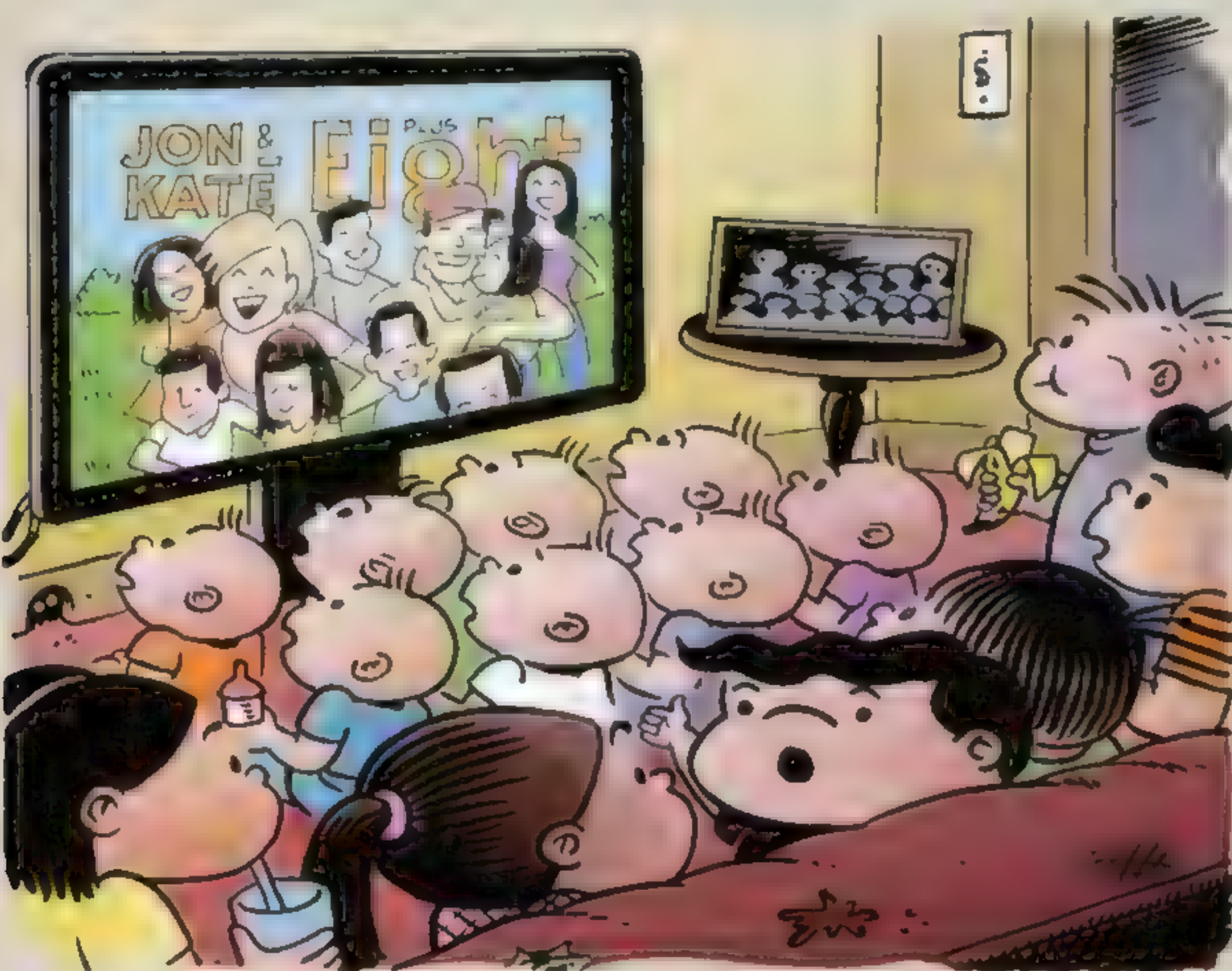


Barry Bonds

ARTIST: SCOTT BRICHER

THE OCTOMOM *The Eerie Birth Canal*

They say you can't be too rich or too thin, or if you're Nadya Suleman, "too pregnant." The Octomom was implanted with six fertilized embryos and, well, you know the rest. At first, the public was delighted with the story — but like a dirty diaper, the more we dug into it, the worse it got. First we found out that she'd already had six kids, then that she was a single mom on public assistance. When we learned that she had a weird Angelina Jolie obsession and even had plastic surgery to look like her, we realized that she was just bonkers. We can't imagine what daily life is like for her kids, but we're sure it's nothing to laugh about — just like another famously disturbing family.



"It sure would be nice to be part of a small family like that."



"Yes, Nadya Suleman lives here. Are you calling from *Good Morning America*, *Extra* or Child Welfare Services?"

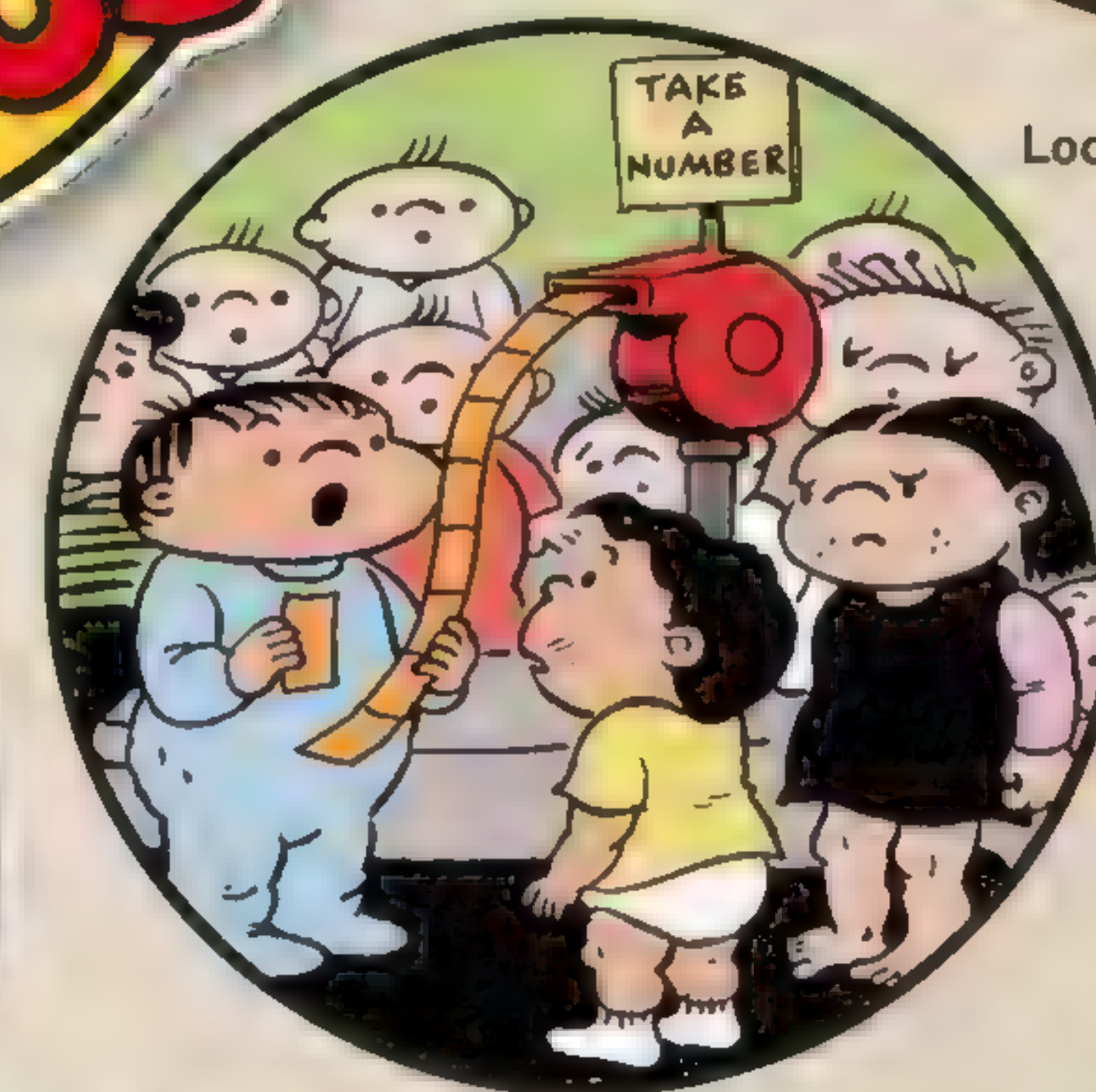
The SULEMAN FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'm telling you. Look again. The clown is Larry King."



"Today in school we made Father's Day cards."

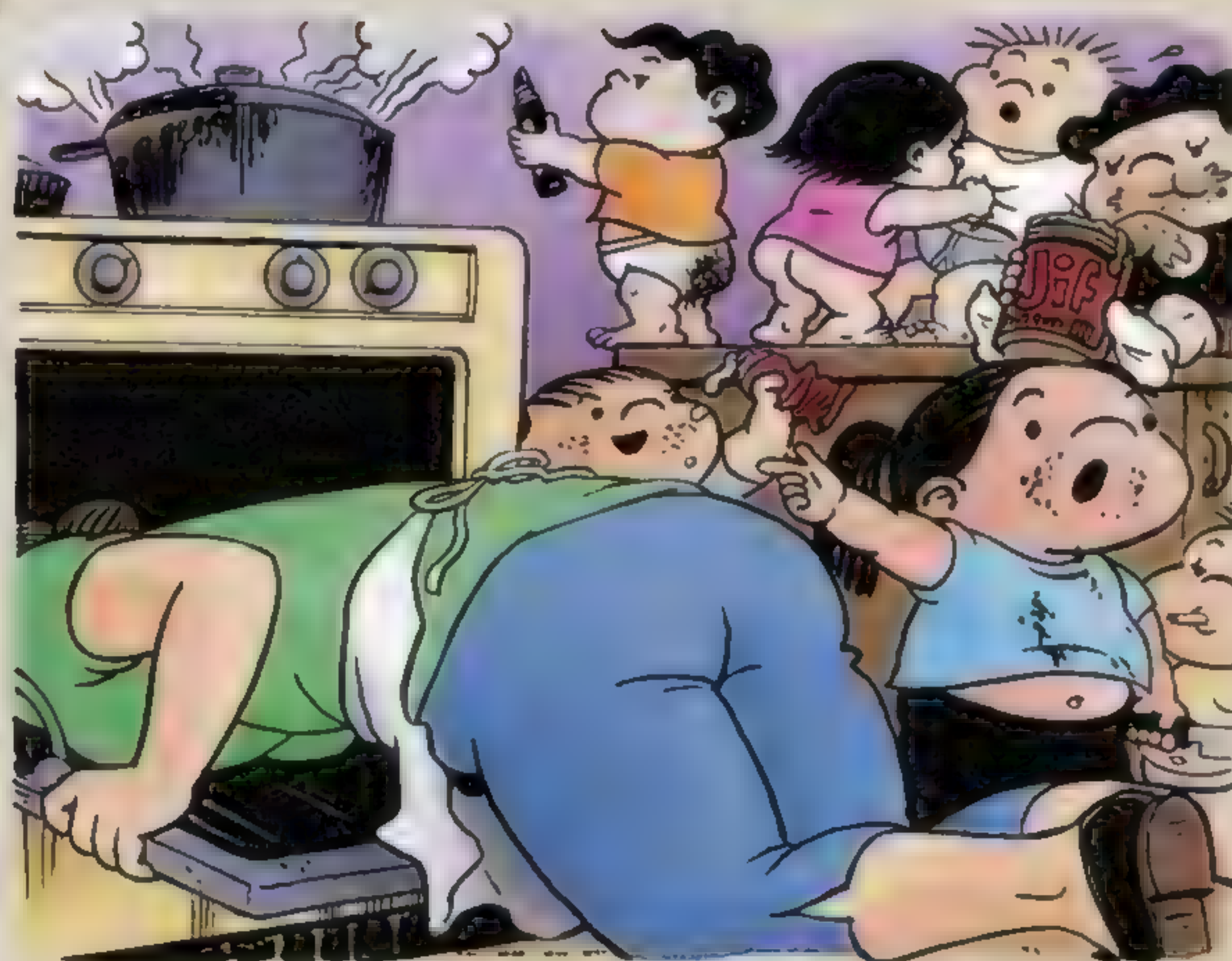


"Mommy says if we want a hug we have to take one of these numbers and wait for her to call it out!"

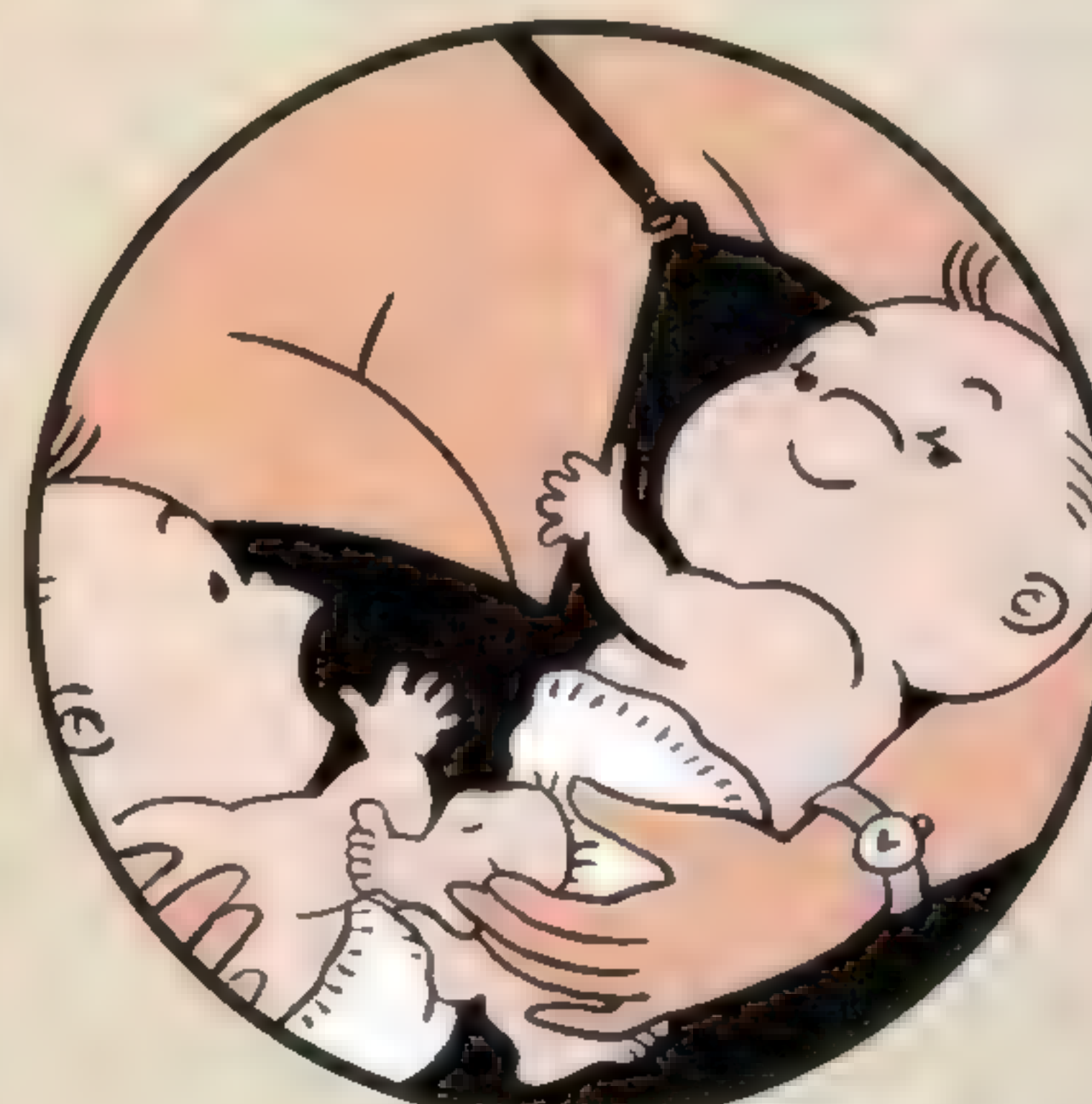
ARTIST: GARY HALLGREN
COLORIST: CARL PETERSON



Today Octomommy takes a break and lets one of the kids draw the strip.



"Mom! Grandma's baking her head!"



"You mean when you're breastfeeding you close your eyes and pretend it's Angelina Jolie too?"



"14 kids! Who thought this out?"

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BERNIE MADOFF'S PONZI SCHEME *The Wrath of Con*

How vile a human being is Bernie Madoff? Consider this: Calling him a monstrously hideous, lying, repugnant sh*t-hole is an insult to monstrously hideous, lying, repugnant sh*t-holes. Madoff operated the largest single investor fraud in the history of humanity, bilking clients out of billions of dollars and ruining countless lives. How vile was he? He was sentenced to 150 years in prison. And that was with leniency! We hope that when he gets out in 2159, there's someone waiting for him with a ray gun to shoot him in the face.

THE #1 SCAM OF THE YEAR!

"IF I GET MY HANDS
ON THAT BASTARD,
MADOFF, I'LL KILL'EM!"
MARTIN LANDS,
NOW-HOMELESS INVESTOR

"OH GOD...NO...
OH, I'M F**KED!"
DIANE SHUME,
FLEECEED MADOFF CLIENT

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO DESTROY THE FINANCES
OF INNOCENT PEOPLE AND CHARITIES?

A. MORAL BANKRUPTCY

B. DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE

C. OBSCENE SELFISHNESS

D. ALL OF THE ABOVE

BERNIE MADOFF IS...

scumbag billionaire

SWINDLING KEVIN BACON JOHN MALKOVICH SANDY KOUFAX ZSA ZSA GABOR

AND COUNTLESS FAMILIES, SCHOOLS, CHARITIES, BANKS AND INVESTORS

PRODUCED BY STEVEN SPIELBERG AND JEFFREY KATZENBERG

WITH THE MONEY THAT WASN'T STOLEN FROM THEM

PG PURE GREED

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

PHOTO: AP/WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

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MINNESOTA SENATE RACE *Land of a Thousand Recounts*

You'd think that eight years after the Bush-Gore election debacle (an election in which we *still* don't know who actually won) that America would have learned to count votes. Nope. (We'd rather bitch about fraudulent election results in Iran and Afghanistan than deal with our own stupefying incompetence.) It took eight months to declare Al Franken the winner over Norm Coleman in the Minnesota Senate race. That's longer than the baseball season. Longer than it takes to walk from Mexico to Canada. Longer than it will take for the next issue of MAD to come out. Too freakin' long.

For political candidates with electile dysfunction.
When the time comes to concede defeat, will you be ready?

DEMOCRA-CIALIS IS HERE.

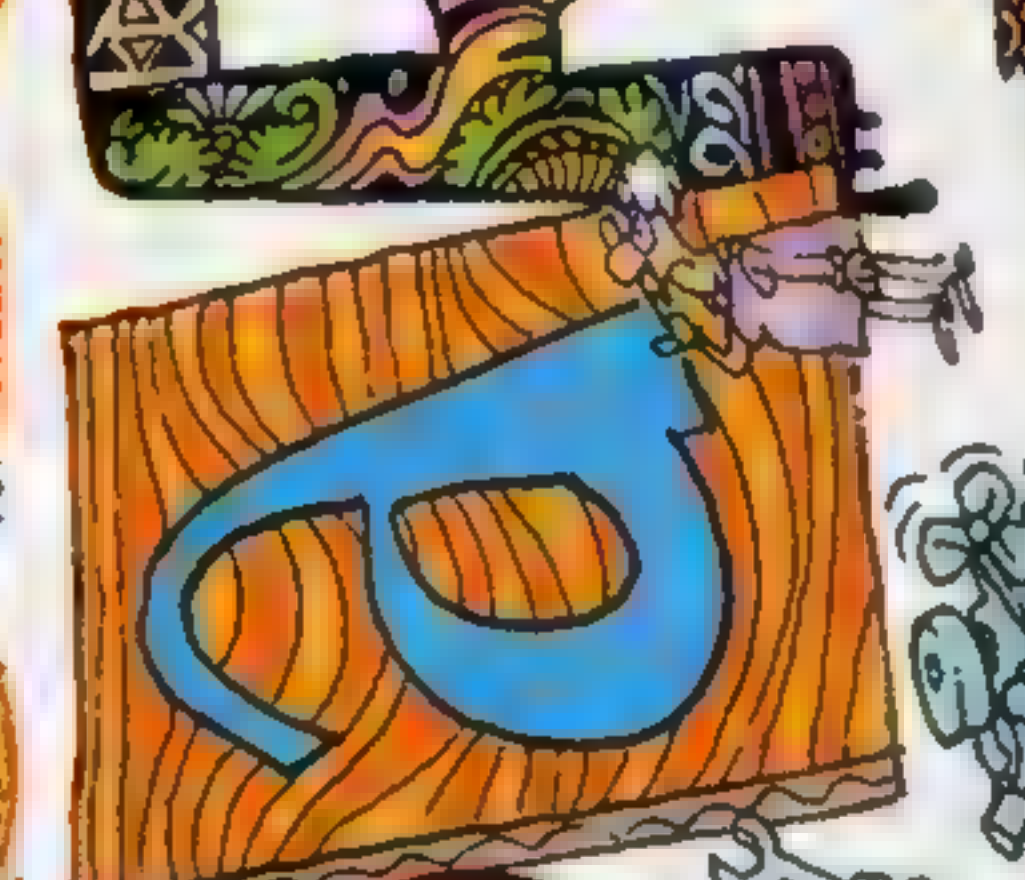
If you've already tried futile legal challenges and angry calls for recounts, yet continue to suffer from an inadequate vote tally, Democra-cialis may be right for you. Losing candidates who have used Democra-cialis have seen a marked reduction in electile dysfunction, leaving their opponents victorious and satisfied.



ARTIST: ROBERTO PARADA

Senatorial candidates experiencing an electile dysfunction have been known to seek help to admit that they lost to avoid permanent damage to the nation. Democra-cialis is not available in Iran and other Middle Eastern countries.

THE SERGENT



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GLENN BECK *Fairly Unbalanced*

Glenn Beck is part pundit, part showman, and part misinformed, fear mongering, mentally unstable simp. Consider his appearance on the Fox morning show where he accused President Obama of having a "deep-seeded hatred of white people." He then immediately did a 180 insisting he's "not saying Obama doesn't like white people," and then ended his bizarre diatribe by declaring that Obama is a "racist." Despite this compelling evidence, we don't think Beck is crazy. We think he's a conniving self-promoter who will say anything for his own enrichment, with little regard for the consequences of his incendiary rhetoric. And that is not just dumb, that's dangerous.

THE #1 FOX NEWS BLOWHARD!

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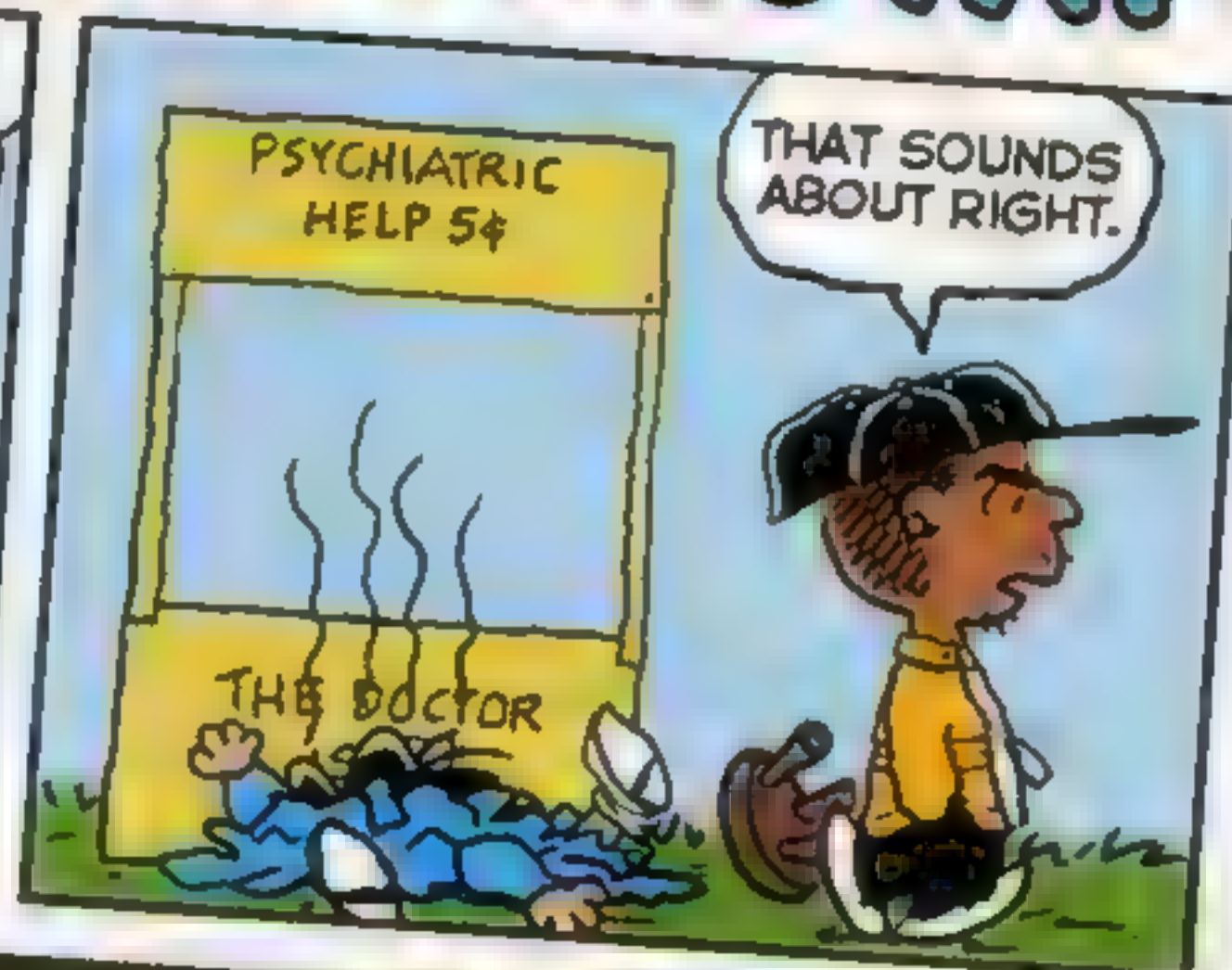
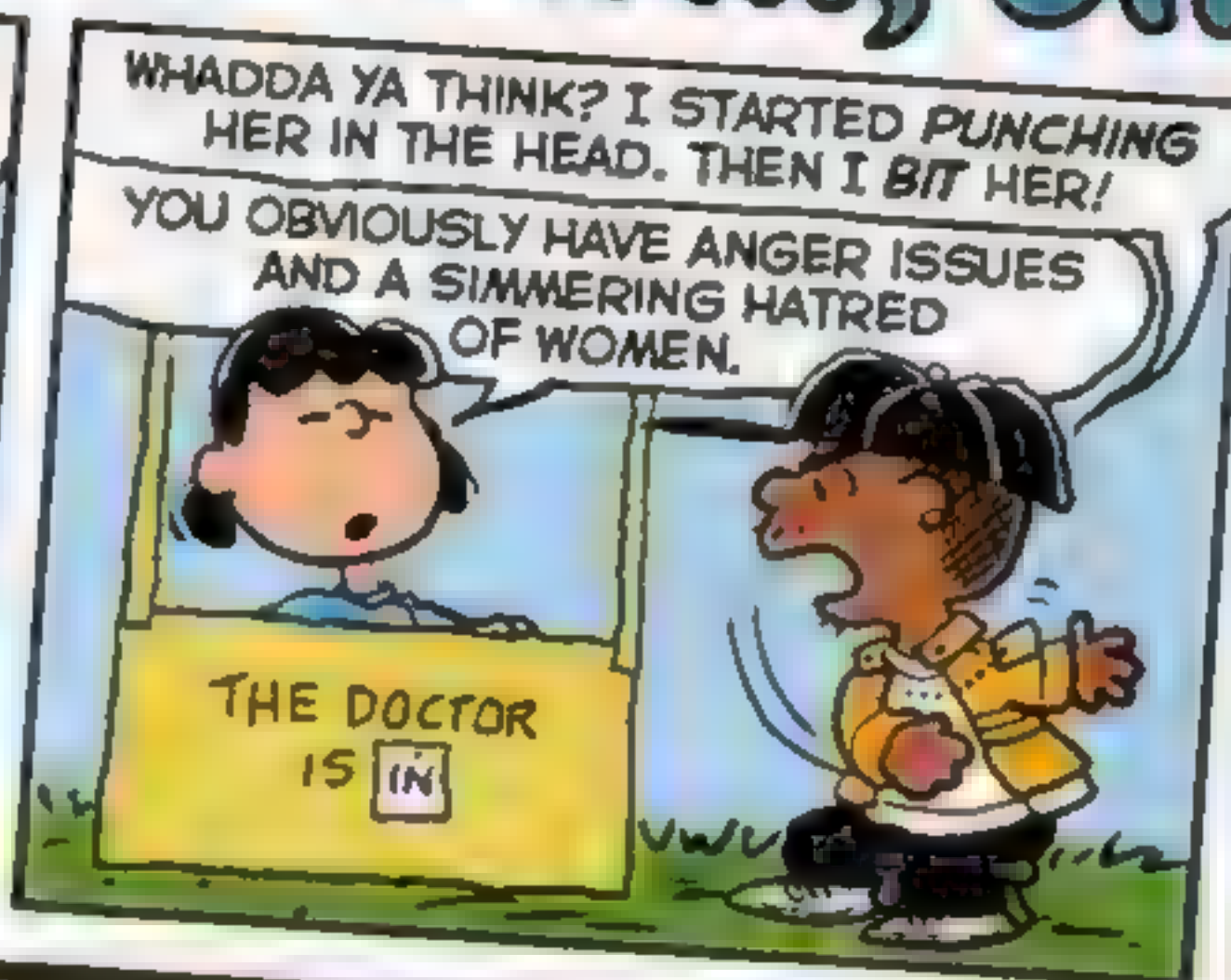
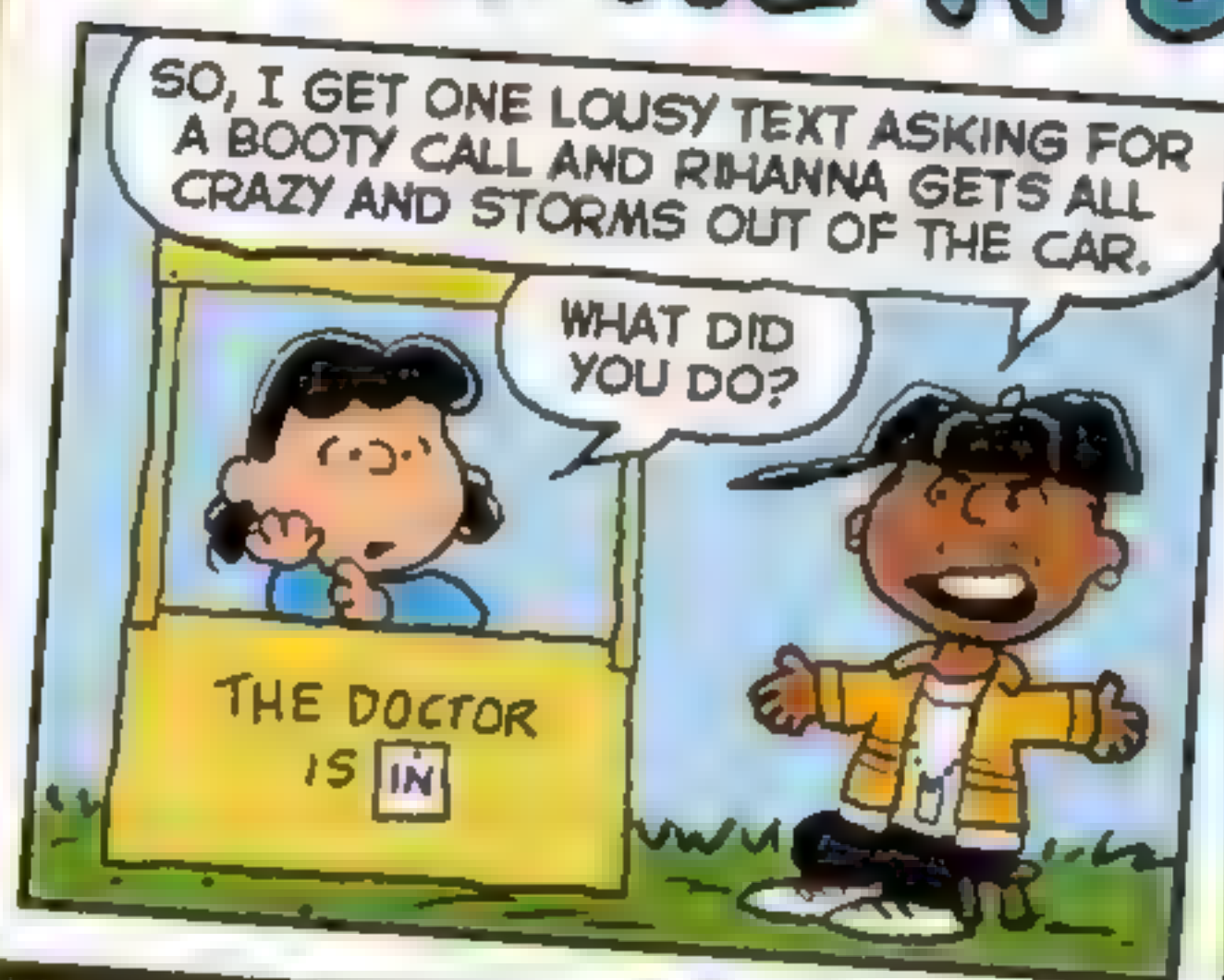
GLENN BECK

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

CHRIS BROWN ASSAULTS RIHANNA *Rhythm & Bruise*

Chris Brown has been compared to legendary musicians Michael Jackson and Luther. But the best comparison is to legendary violent puncher Ike Turner. Brown admittedly beat his girlfriend Rihanna to a bloody mess, but that didn't stop him from looking for scapegoats. He blamed the media for causing the fight, his abusive stepfather for turning him into an abuser, and Oprah for not defending him. (We haven't been watching this season, is she now pro domestic violence?) Sorry Chris, you're not the victim here. In fact, we wouldn't consider you a victim even if someone beat you to a bloody mess.

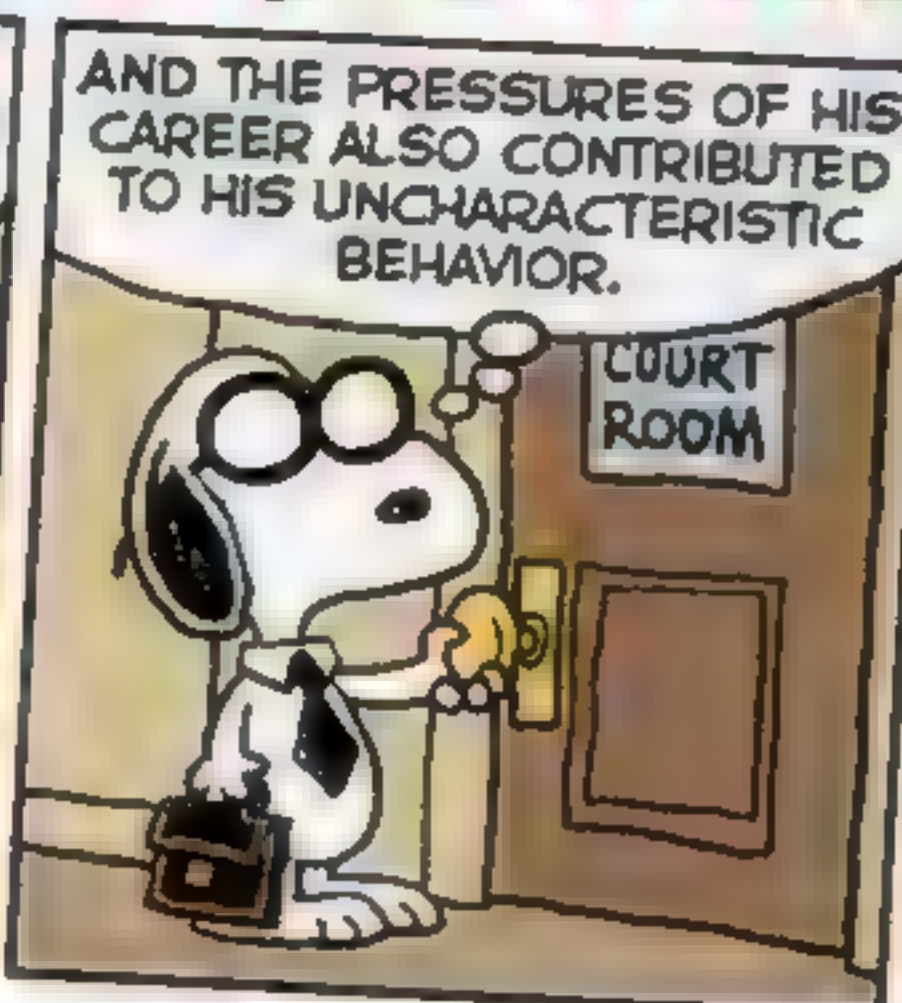
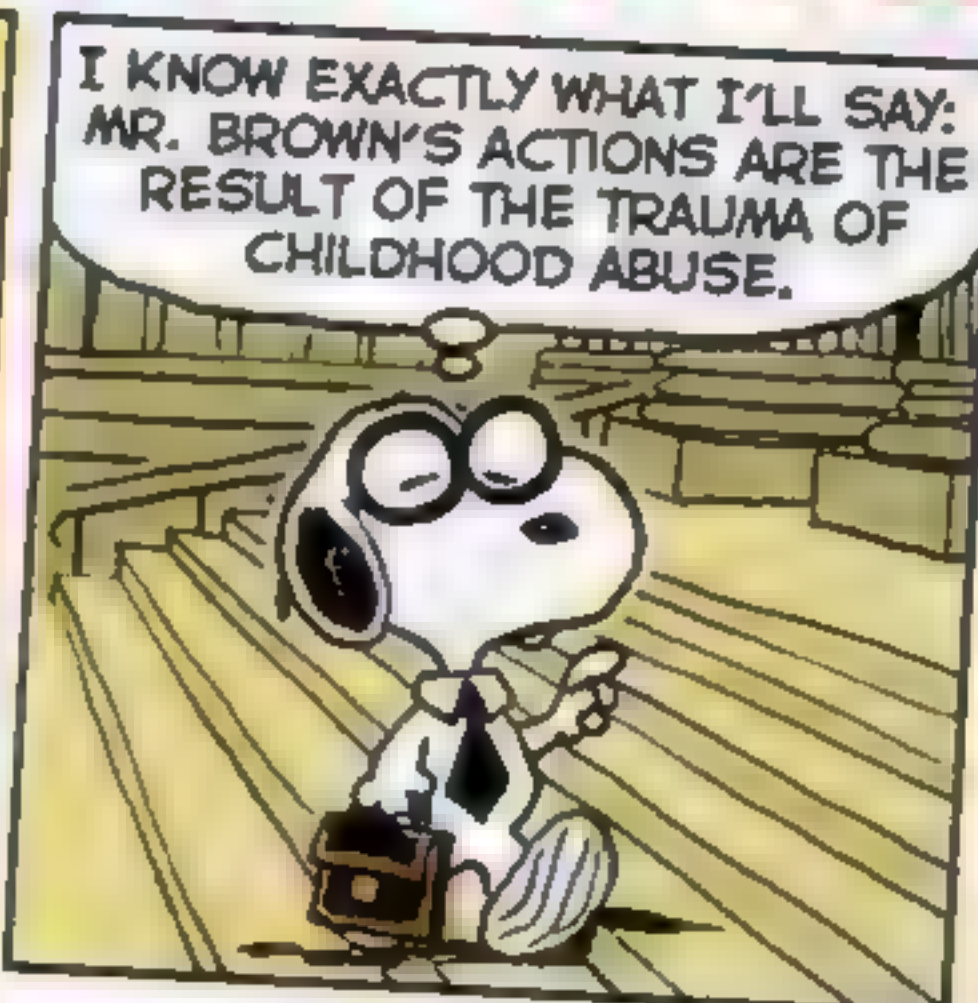
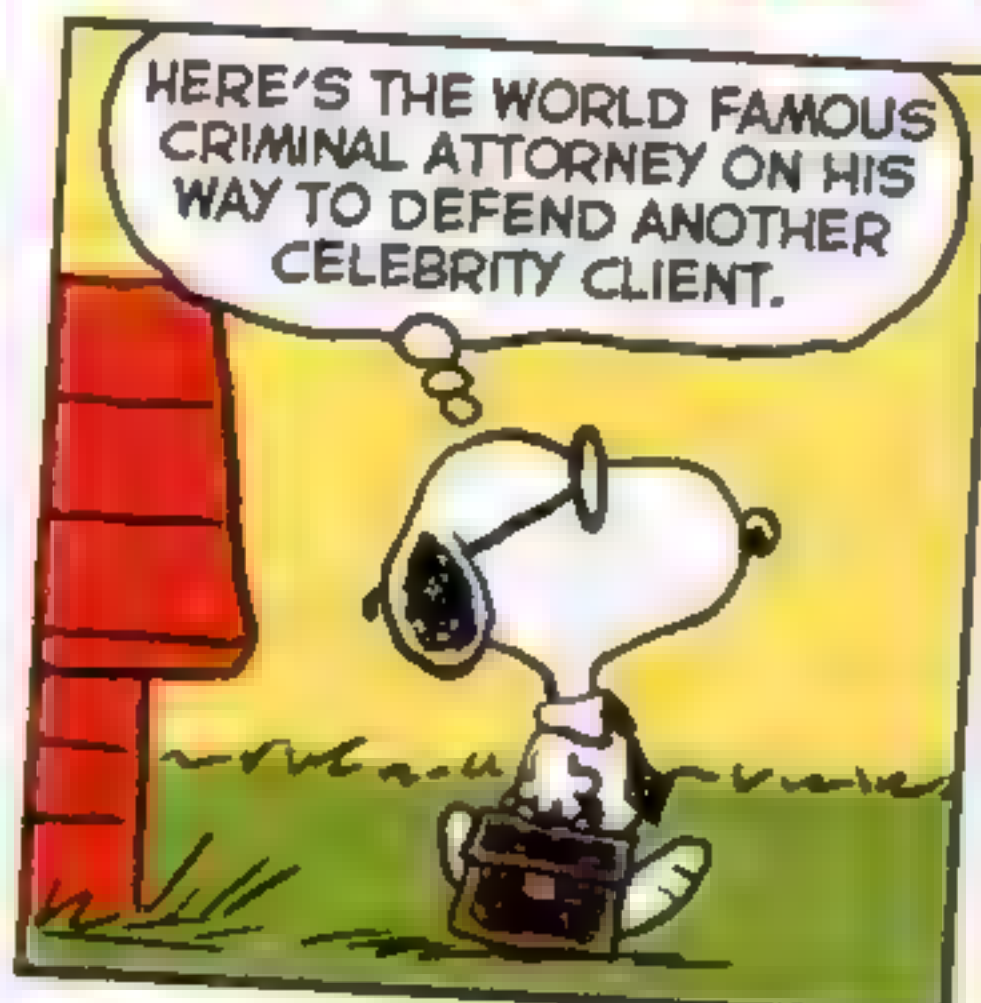
YOU'RE A BAD MAN, CHRIS BROWN



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OBAMA'S SENATE SEAT FOR SALE *Here Comes the Bribe*

Chicago has never been known for ethical politicians. So it should come as no surprise that Governor Rod Blagojevich (pronounced Blah-GOY-ah) is like you're throwing up a brick, you're caught trying to sell Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat like that head huckster Billy Mays tried to sell OxiClean. With black matted hair that makes Donald Trump's doo seem respectable, the dwarf-like chief executive of Illinois was wiretapped and caught red handed. Despite Blago going on a screwball media denial tour, the state senate immediately impeached his sorry ass. In an unrelated event, the Chicago Cubs failed to win the World Series again this year.

ROD BLAGOJEVICH.

He governed Illinois with a grip as firm and despicable as his haircut. When Obama's Senate seat had to be filled — he decided to fill his pockets as well.

"They put one of theirs in the White House. You put one of yours in the Senate. THAT'S the Chicago way!"

ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN

THE UNTRUSTABLES

THE ILLINOIS GOVERNOR'S OFFICE — IN ASSOCIATION WITH MASSIVE CORRUPTION — PRESENTS A THOROUGHLY ILLEGAL PRODUCTION

ROD "BLAGO" BLAGOJEVICH IS "THE CORRUPT GOVERNOR WHO LAUGHABLY MAINTAINS HIS INNOCENCE"

ROLAND BURRIS IS "THE CORRUPT WANNABE SENATOR WHO LAUGHABLY MAINTAINS HIS INNOCENCE"

JESSE JACKSON JR. IS "THE OTHER CORRUPT WANNABE SENATOR WHO LAUGHABLY MAINTAINS HIS INNOCENCE"

AND INTRODUCING THE ILLINOIS STATE SENATE AS "THE IMPEACHERS"

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KANYE WEST *Talk is Creep*

We're not Taylor Swift fans — but if we were at the VMAs, we would have clapped politely during her acceptance speech. If we were jerks, we would have booed or twittered something mean while she spoke. That's what separates us from a visionary like Kanye West. Who else would think to rip the mic right out of Swift's hands and tell the world who HE knew should have won? West's most ground-breaking achievements haven't been in music — they've been in the fine art of douche-baggery. So here's a statue just for Kanye — and we promise, no one will interrupt his acceptance speech — because NO ONE deserves it more than him!



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CHEATING CELEBS *Living Libido Loca*

What do Nevada Senator John Ensign, South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford and Louisville basketball coach Rick Pitino all have in common? All three went to the same grammar school? Nope. They're all are vegans? Try again. All three of them are lying, two-faced weasels? Bingo! Each of these "Good Christian" men got caught cheating on their wives this year. In the case of Ensign and Sanford they were not only dumb but hypocritical since they had called for Bill Clinton's resignation when he got caught cheating — yet now refuse to resign themselves. As for coach Pitino and his sexual indiscretion, we'll let you insert your own "ball handling" joke here.

Coming this fall to [adultery swim]

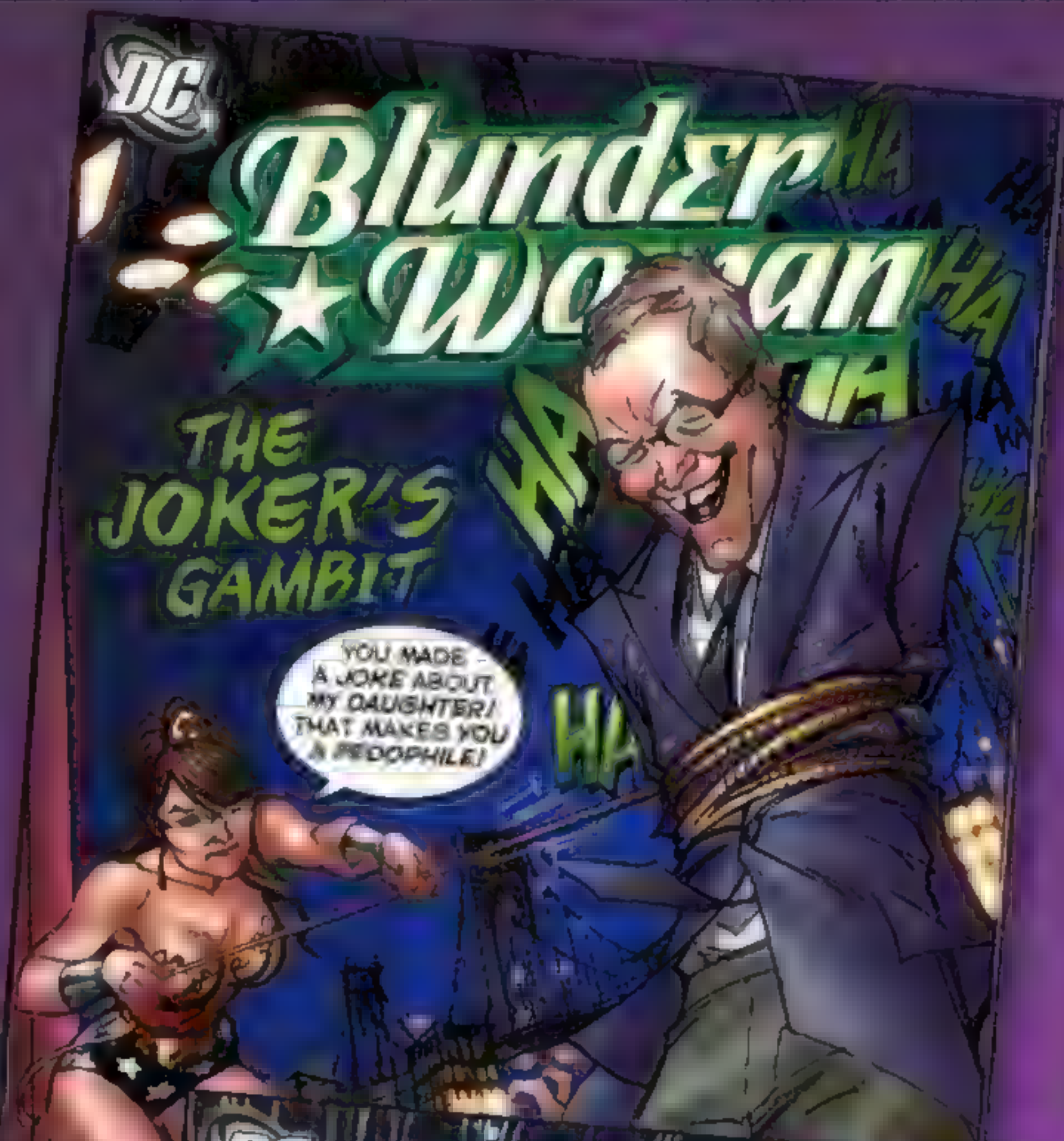
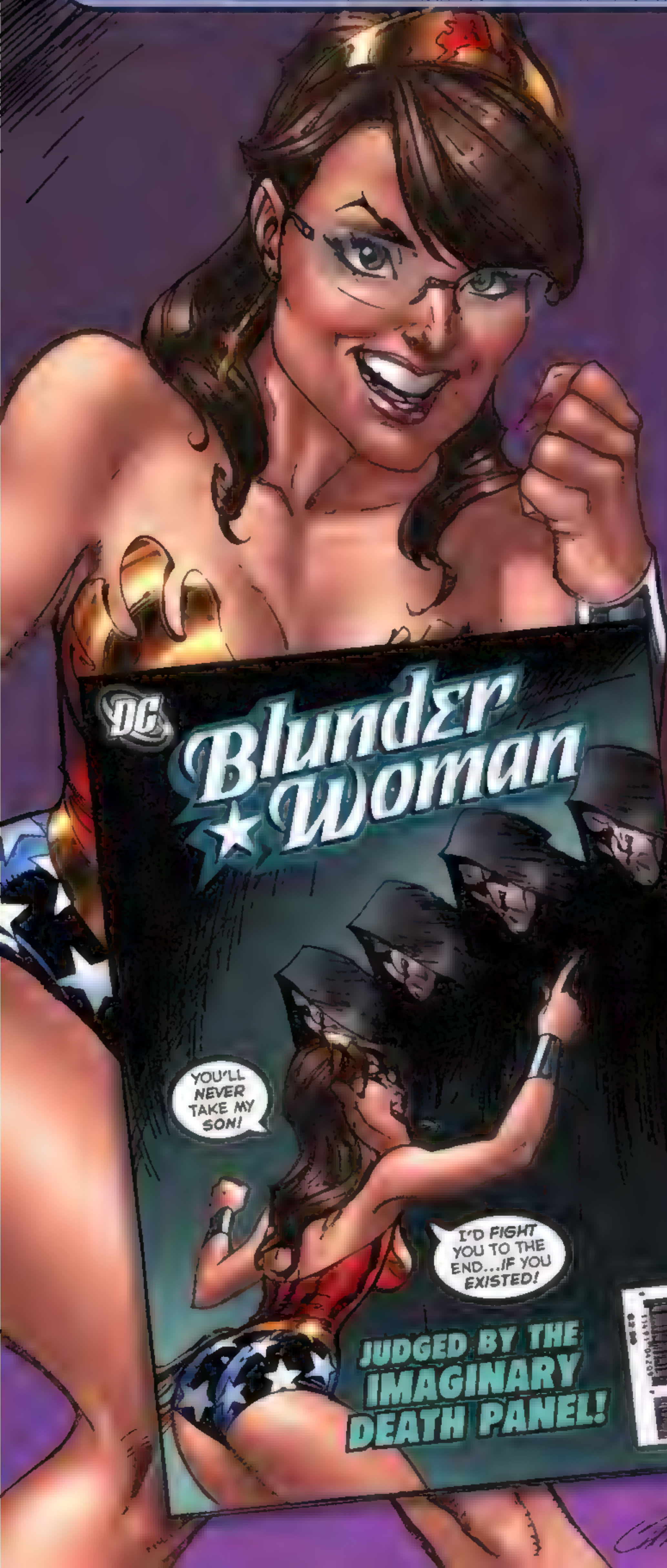


Set a course for infidelity with The Adventure Boners! Whether it's jetting to Argentina to diddle a mistress, zooming to a restaurant to boff some random piece of ass, or rocketing to your own campaign office to bang a top aide's wife — it's one sticky situation after another! Because, when you're following your Johnson, who knows where you'll wind up next!

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ALASKA LOSES ITS GOVERNOR *The Flaking of Palin 1,2,3*

Sarah Palin claims she enjoys going "rogue." (Apparently "rogue" is the Eskimo word for "stupid.") She lamented that many lame duck governors slack off during their last term — only to up and quit during her first term! She slammed David Letterman for joking about her daughter, and making light of statutory rape, only to counter his joke by insinuating that Letterman himself was a statutory rapist. She challenged the media to stop lying about her...then lied about Obama's health care plan and how he's in favor of "Death Panels" to kill Grandma. We wonder if the Eskimos have a word for "dangerously delusional political hack."



WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT
ARTIST: J. SCOTT CAMPBELL
COLORIST: NEI RUFFINO



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MICHAEL PHELPS SMOKES POT *Toke on the Water*

During the Olympics, it was widely reported that Michael Phelps consumed 12,000 calories a day. Now we know why: he had the munchies. Phelps was the toast of the country for his record-breaking performance at the 2008 Olympics, but his world came crashing down when a photo surfaced of him taking a hit from a bong at college party. An unprecedented, holier-than-thou overreaction immediately followed and Phelps was labeled a clueless, self-centered athlete who had "let down the kids." Let down "the kids"?! It was "the kids" who offered him the hit to begin with! Besides, it was from a bong — which, *technically*, makes it a water sport.

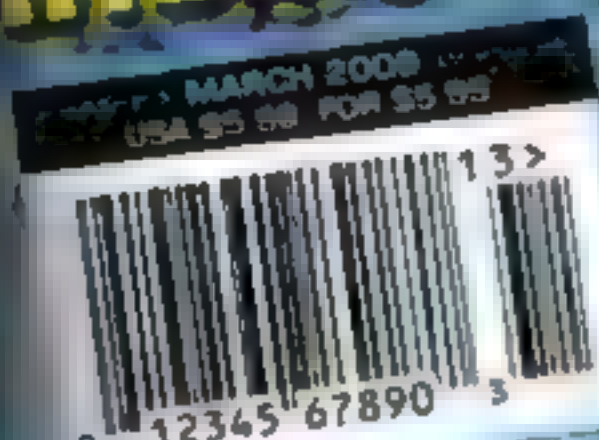
MAINTAINING THE PROPER CHLORINE LEVEL IN YOUR BONG WATER

HIGH TIMES

OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST
MICHAEL PHELPS
TESTS 10 NEW WATERPROOF
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WEEKEND PROJECT
TURN YOUR SWIMMING POOL INTO A
HYDROPONIC WEED GARDEN



HAROLD AND KUMAR
AMERICA'S BEST HOPE FOR 2012 GAMES?



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MICHAEL JACKSON'S DOCTOR Premedicated Murder

As Michael Jackson's personal physician making \$150,000 a month, you'd think that Conrad Murray was a highly respected doctor. He wasn't. As a cardiologist, you'd think he'd know that you can't perform CPR on a soft surface. He didn't. Since he was administering a potent anesthetic, you'd think he was trained in anesthesiology. Nope. Unfortunately for MJ, Conrad Murray was nothing but a quack, and now that he's likely to be charged with manslaughter, his illustrious faux-medical career is apparently over. Oh well, he can always find work giving vet injections. — **BRUNO**

*Michael
Jackson's
Killer*



Conrad C. Murray
M.D.

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MAD 20 ADDENDUMB More Random Acts of Dumbness

Over the years it's become harder and harder for the MAD staff to limit our selection of dumb people, events and things to just 20. So this year we've decided to do something that many of you will probably consider dumb enough to make our own list: we're increasing the number of dumb people, events and things from 20 to 29! More stupidity exposed! More schmucks mocked! But best of all, 29 is a nice, round number!

LITTLE MISS HOMOPHOBES

by Carrie Prejean



The Miss USA loser tries to turn her disapproval for gay marriage into a career opportunity

Someone should tell Carrie that if there were no gays, the only people watching the Miss USA pageant would be her parents.

MR. OUTBURST

by Joe Wilson

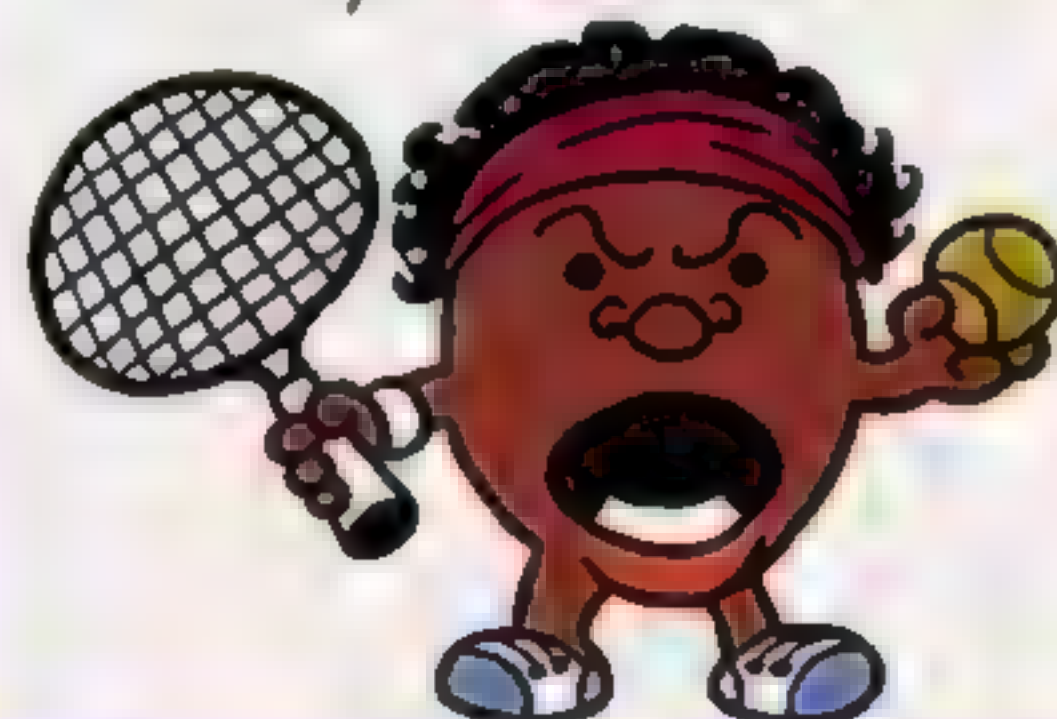


The South Carolina Congressman yells "You lie!" to the president during a nationally televised address

In an ironic twist, Obama's health care plan will cover the mentally unstable.

LITTLE MISS TANTRUM

by Serena Williams



The tennis star tells referee "If I could, I'd take this f*cking ball and shove it down your f*cking throat" and loses the U.S. Open

The phrase immediately became Mickey Rourke's favorite pickup line.

MR. DISAPPOINTMENT

by Conan O'Brien



NBC replaces Jay Leno on The Tonight Show and the audience drops by two million

It's getting to the point where Johnny Carson's gravesite has more viewers.

LITTLE MISS PILE DRIVER

by Linda McMahon



The WWE owner and CEO resigns to run for the Senate in Connecticut

The Undertaker or Mitch McConnell — who's creepier?

LITTLE MISS BUTTERFACE

by Susan Boyle



The world is shocked by the horse-faced singer's beautiful voice

Doesn't anybody remember Celine Dion?

MR. OVEREXPOSED

by Stephenie Meyer



Vampire mania reigns with the success of True Blood, The Vampire Diaries and the Twilight movie series

Despite the public's seemingly insatiable appetite for dead, lifeless souls, Mischa Barton still can't find work.

LITTLE MISS GREEDY

by Paula Abdul



Loopy American Idol judge Paula Abdul quits the show because producers won't pay her \$10 million a year

Shelling out \$10 million for Paula to stay on — not such a good deal. However, \$10 million for her to leave seems like the bargain of a lifetime.

MR. STATUTORY

by Roman Polanski



Hollywood rallies around child rapist Roman Polanski

If Phillip Garrido spent less time building tents in his backyard and more time directing a movie or two, he'd be a free man right now.



Times are tough,
especially
when it's...

MONROE

and...

The Job

HEY, MONROE!
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU
SINCE THE LAST DAY
OF SCHOOL. WHAT
HAVE YOU BEEN
UP TO?

I'M WORKING
WITH MY DAD AND
NO, WE'RE NOT
SELLING BLOOD
AGAIN.

GET
IN THE VAN,
BOY. WE'RE
ROLLING.

HONK
HONK

WE ROUST
SQUATTERS OUT OF
THE ABANDONED
DOWNTOWN
BUSINESSES. IT'S
PRETTY AWFUL.

WHAT DO
YOU GUYS
DO?

YOU MEAN
AWESOME. CAN YOU
BELIEVE THE REALTY
COMPANY PAYS US
TO HUNT THESE
GUYS?

HUNT?

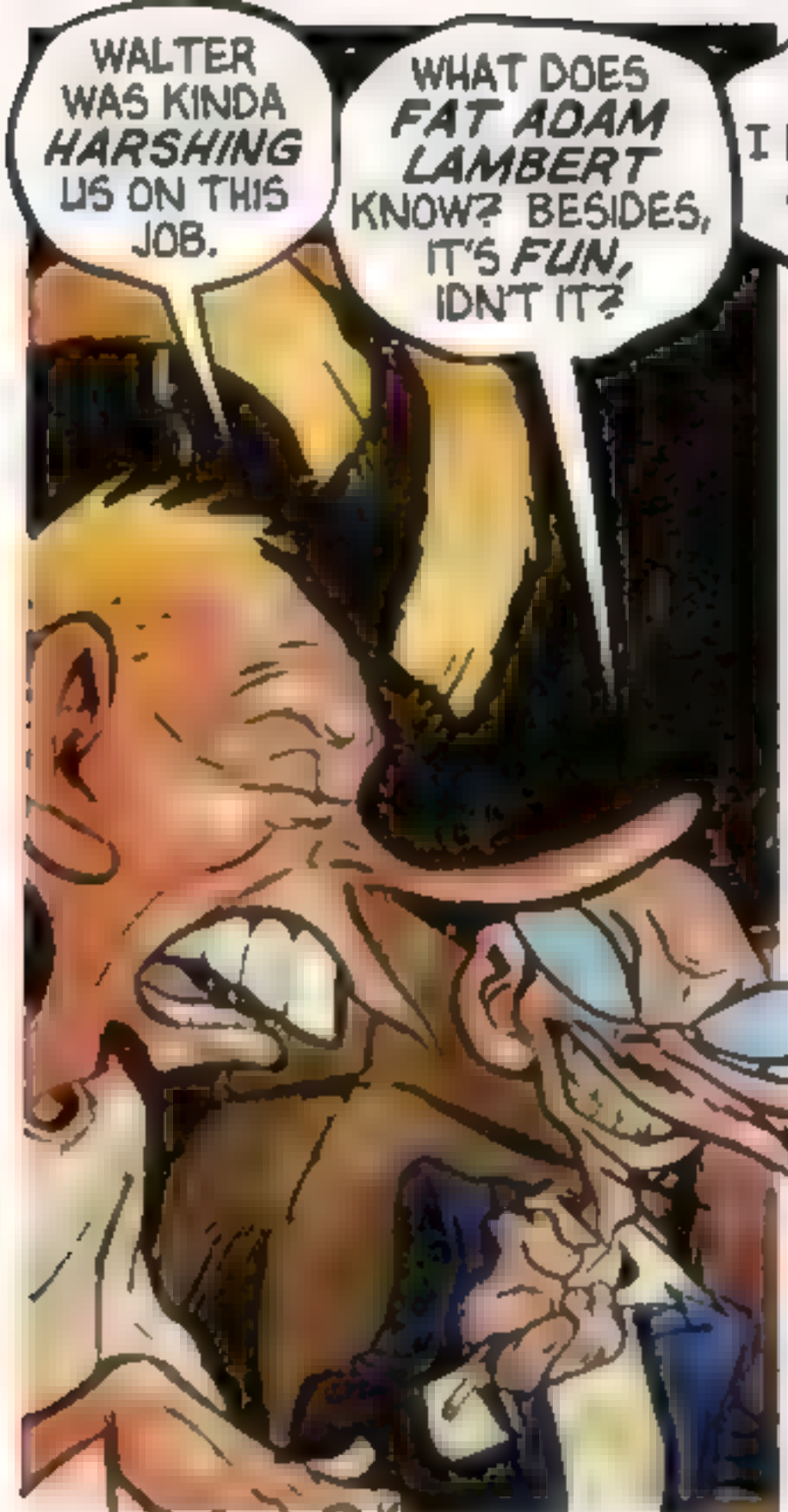
OH,
THEY'RE JUST
PELLET GUNS.
BARELY BREAK
THE SKIN.

BUT THEY
SURE DO GET
THEM LOSERS
RUNNIN'!

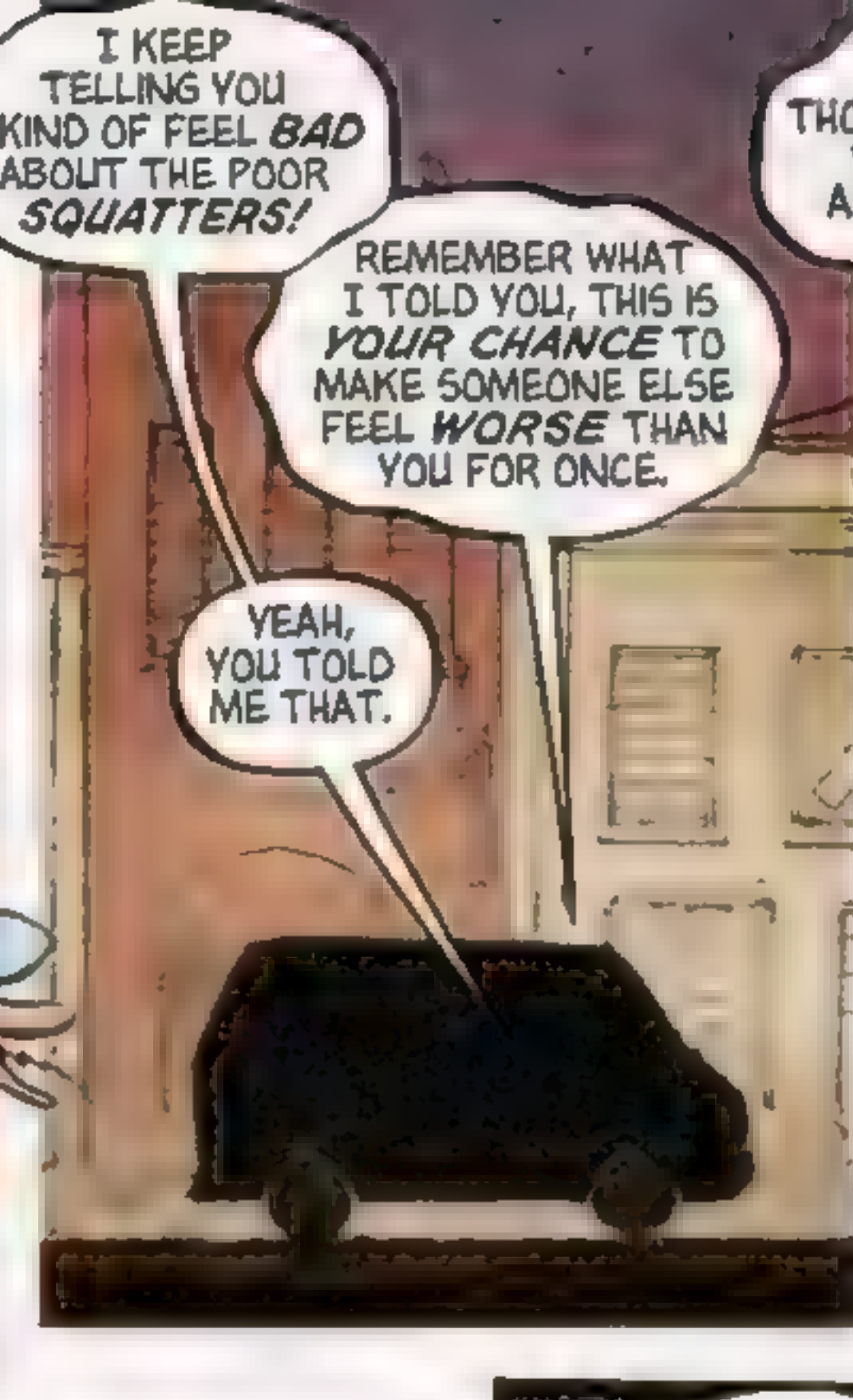
THAT SOUNDS
HORRENDOUS AND
INHUMANE.

IT'S ALL THAT
AND MORE, BUT
SORRY, WE ONLY
GOT TWO PELLET
GUNS!

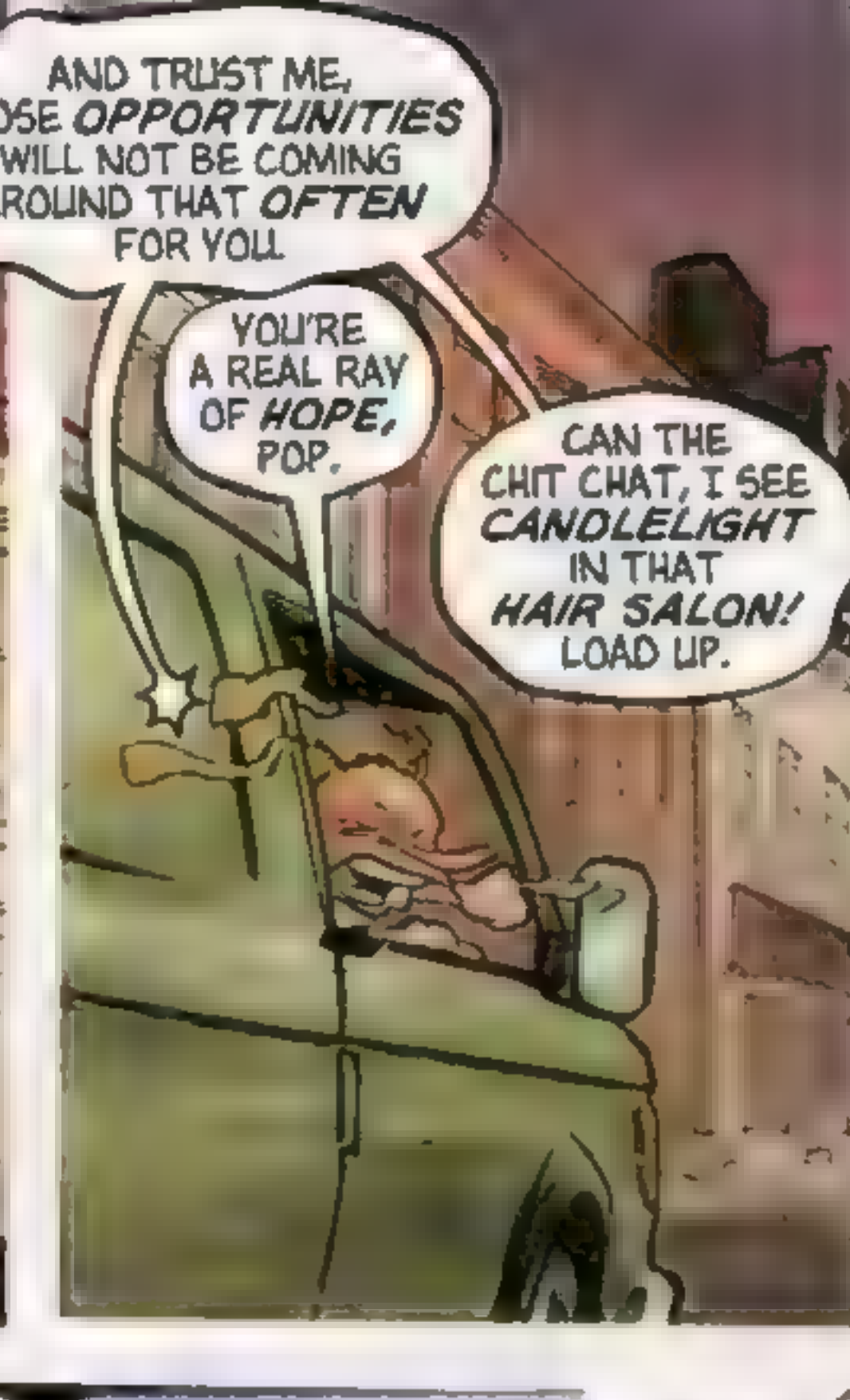
SCREEECHHH



WALTER WAS KINDA HARSHING US ON THIS JOB.



WHAT DOES FAT ADAM LAMBERT KNOW? BESIDES, IT'S FUN, ISN'T IT?



I KEEP TELLING YOU I KIND OF FEEL BAD ABOUT THE POOR SQUATTERS!



REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE SOMEONE ELSE FEEL WORSE THAN YOU FOR ONCE.



AND TRUST ME, THOSE OPPORTUNITIES WILL NOT BE COMING AROUND THAT OFTEN FOR YOU.



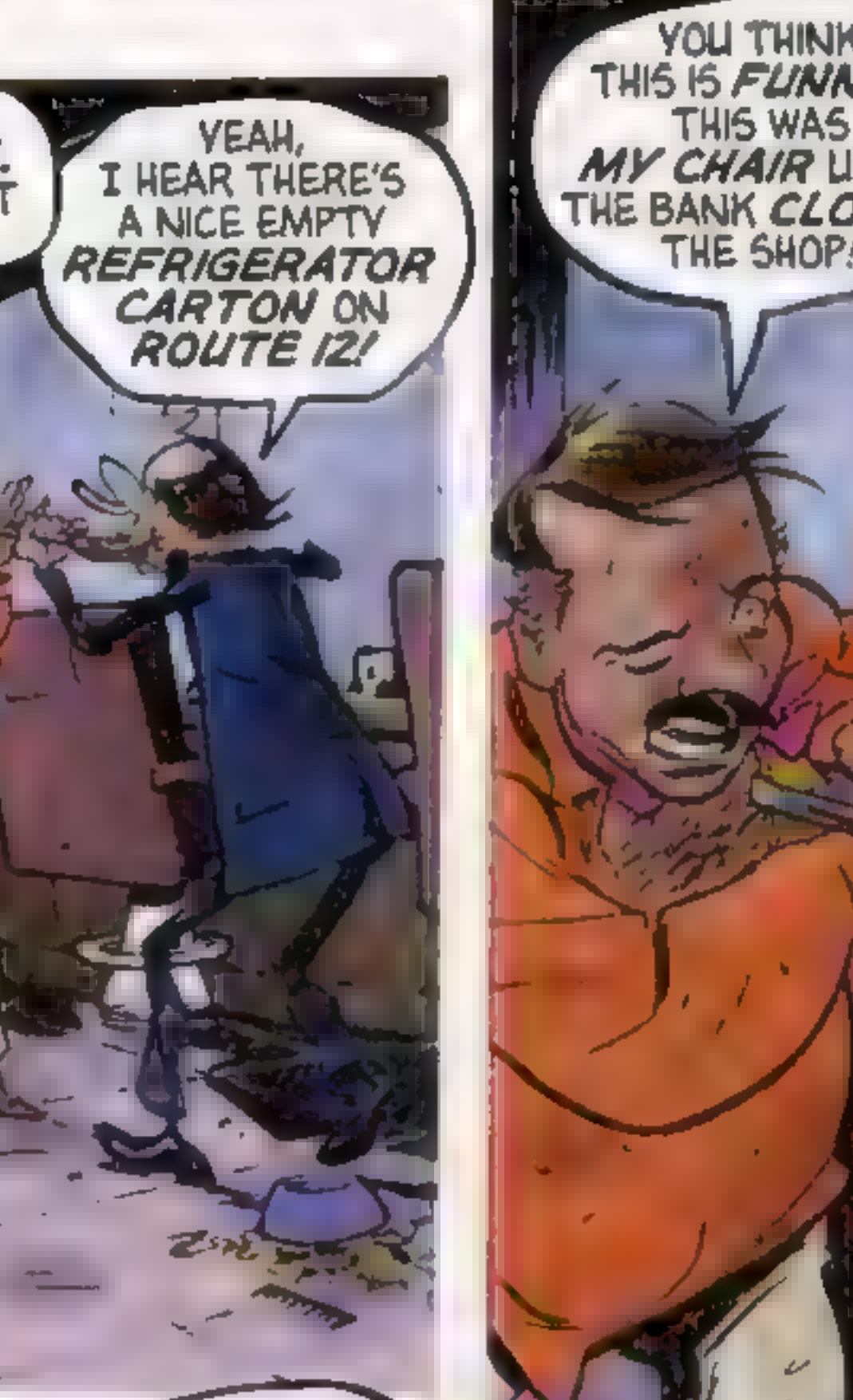
YOU'RE A REAL RAY OF HOPE, POP.



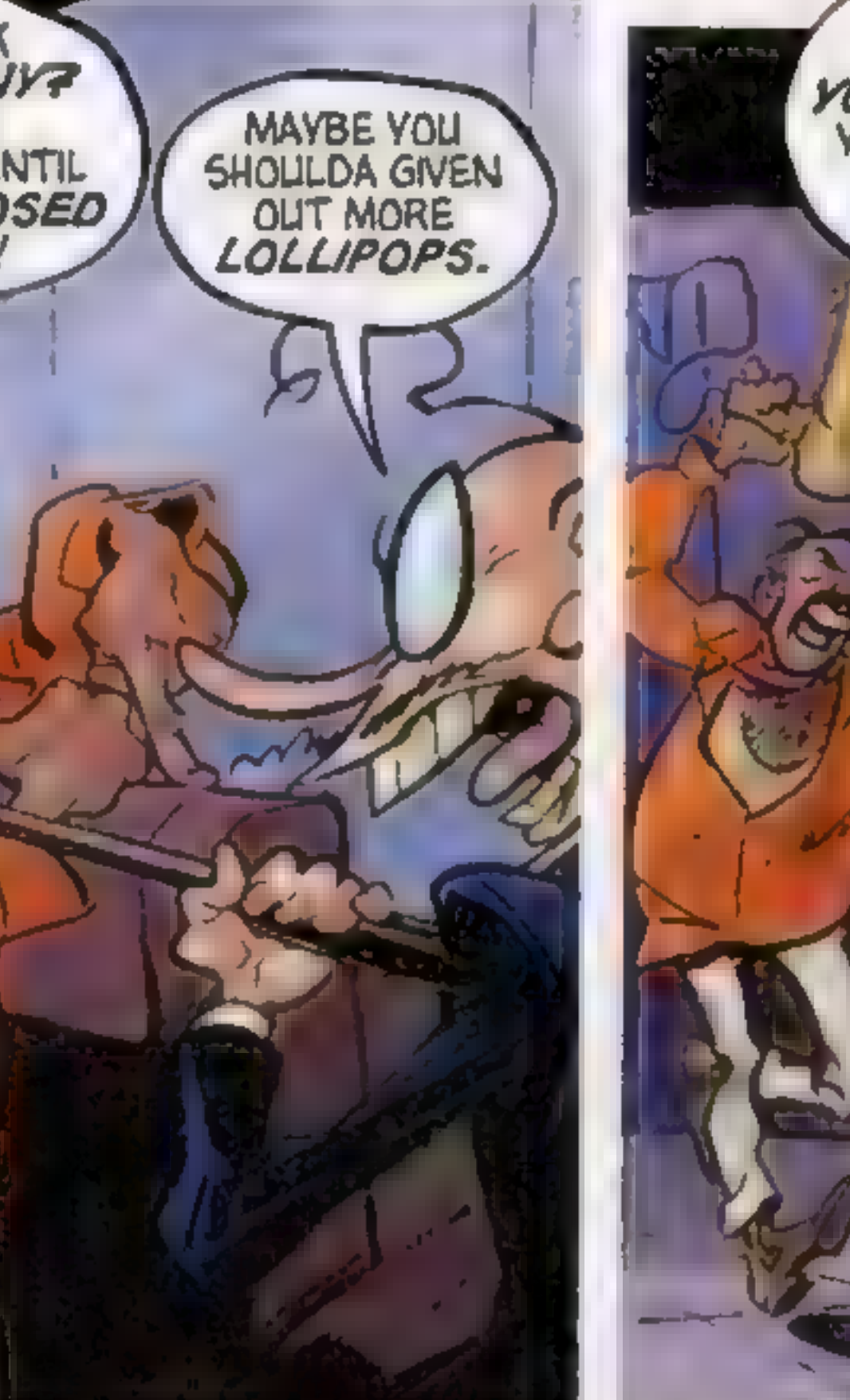
CAN THE CHIT CHAT, I SEE CANDLELIGHT IN THAT HAIR SALON! LOAD UP.



SMELL THAT?



SOUP AND BODY ODOR?



THAT'S RIGHT, A SQUATTER'S BEEN MAKING HOT PLATE RAMEN!



HOLD IT, FREAKSHOW!



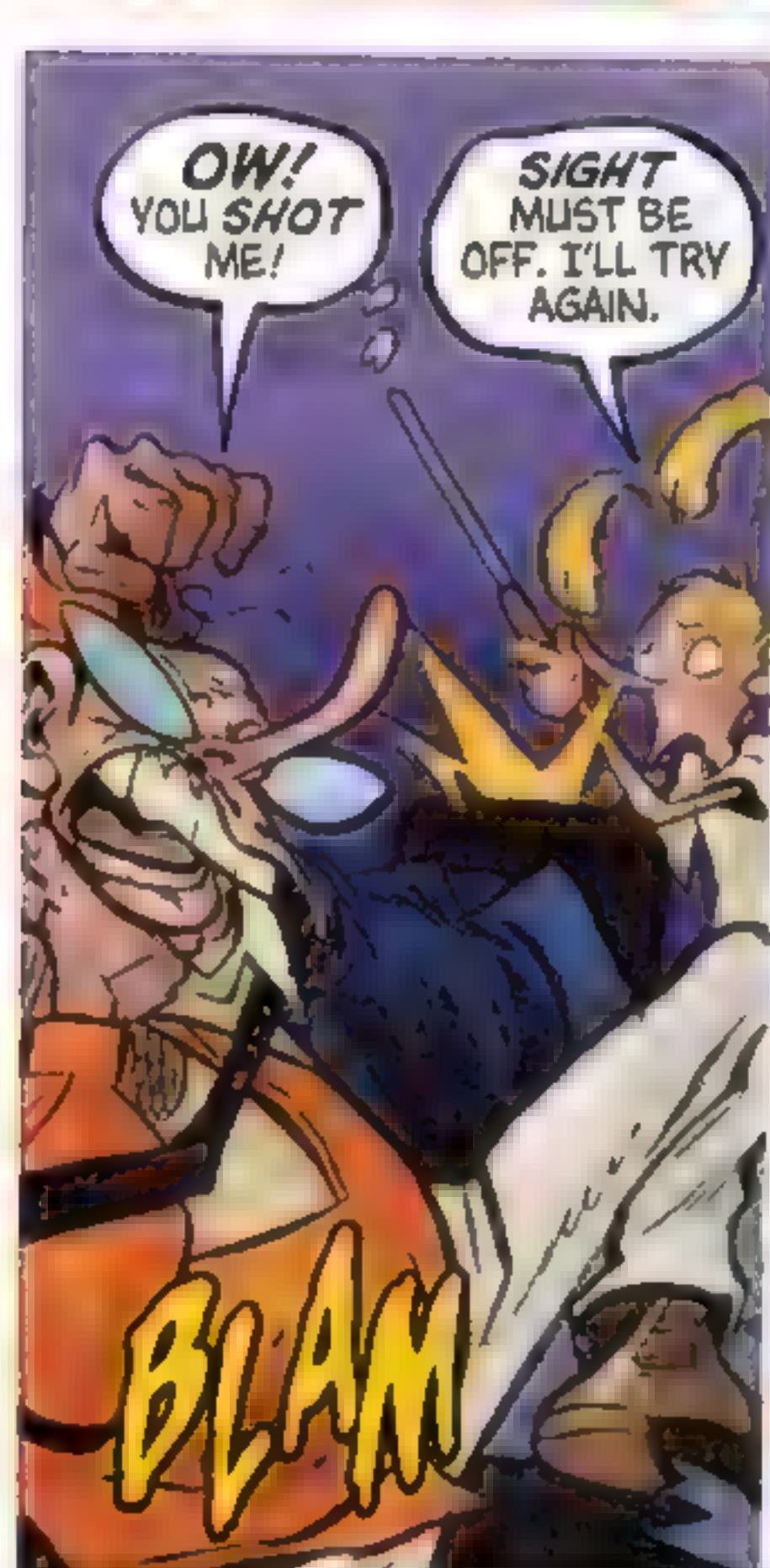
AAY!



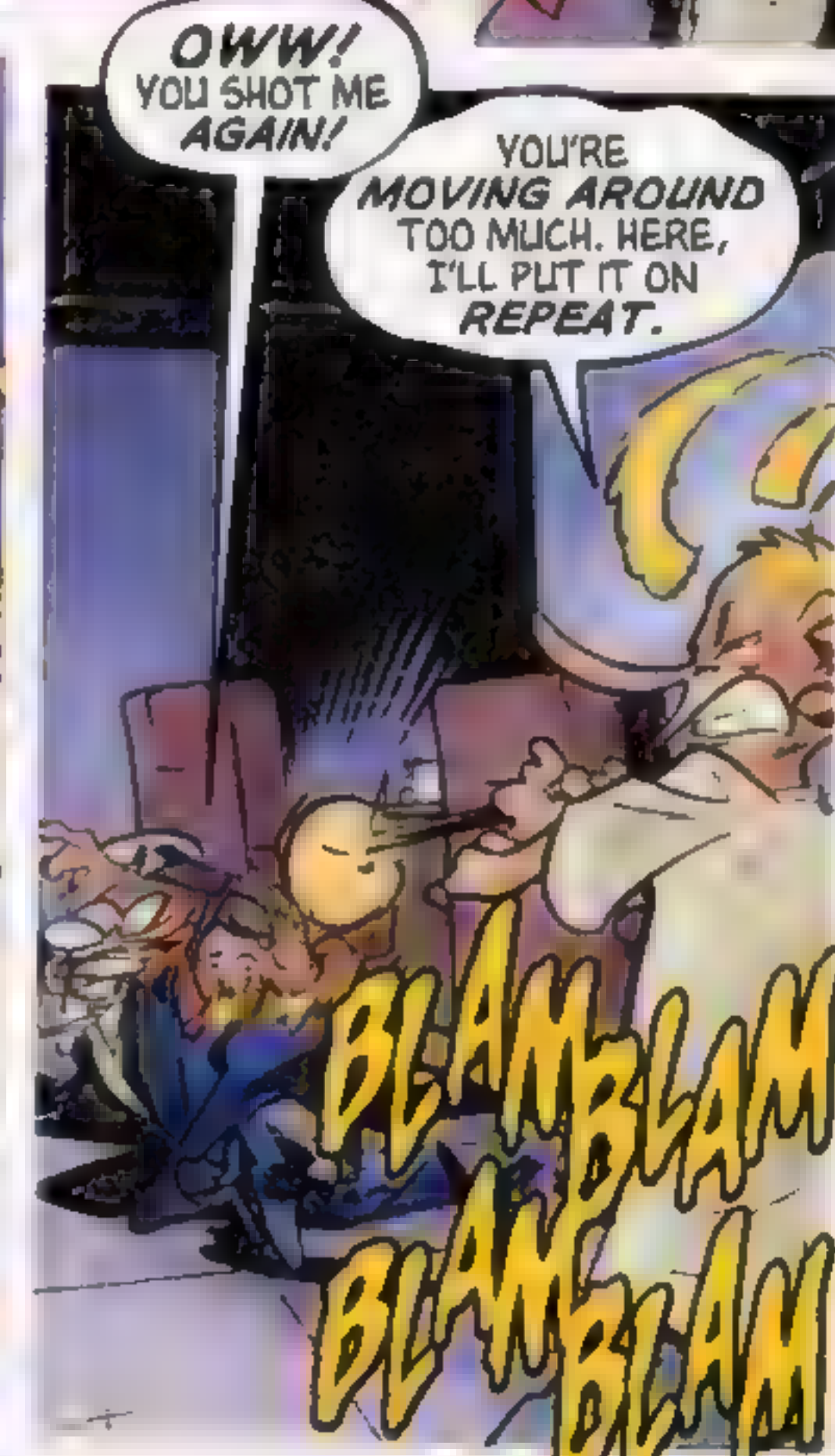
PUT DOWN THE RAMEN!



IT IS REALLY TOUGH TO STOP EATING THOSE ONCE YOU START, DAD.



I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE!



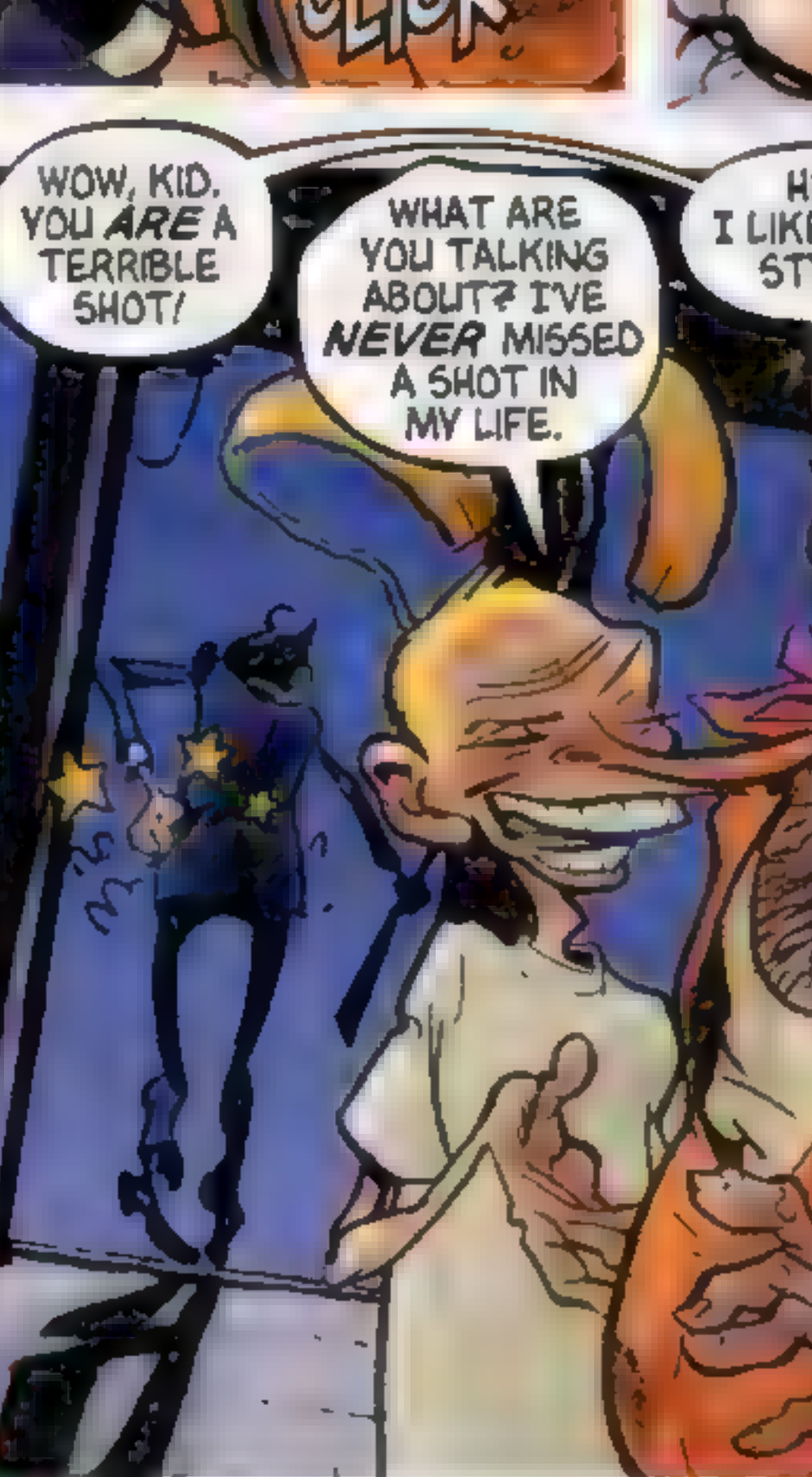
SHOULDA THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BEFORE YOU MOVED IN. MONROE, CHECK THE SHAMPOO STATION, SEE IF HE'S ALONE.



RELAX, DAD THE BOUNTY HUNTER.



THIS IS SO STUPID!



I'M ALONE. I'LL JUST GO.



YEAH, I HEAR THERE'S A NICE EMPTY REFRIGERATOR CARTON ON ROUTE 12!




YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY? THIS WAS MY CHAIR UNTIL THE BANK CLOSED THE SHOP!

PLANET TAD!!!!


ABOUT ME »NAME: TAD »HEIGHT: 1,650,000 MICROMETERS »AGE: 5,146 DAYS

November 2, 2009

 This morning, in homeroom, Mrs. Coleman was making an announcement about when school will be closed for the holidays. So we started talking about other holidays, and we somehow got to Groundhog Day. Then Martika Bergman, who's an exchange student from Sweden, raised her hand and asked, "What is a groundhog day?" So Mrs. Coleman tried to explain it to her, and Martika asked a lot of questions, like, "How does anyone know if the groundhog actually sees its shadow or not?" But finally, she said she understood: "You Americans believe a rodent controls the weather. In Sweden, we have — how you say? — meteorologists?"

I have to say: When she put it like that, it did sound kind of stupid.

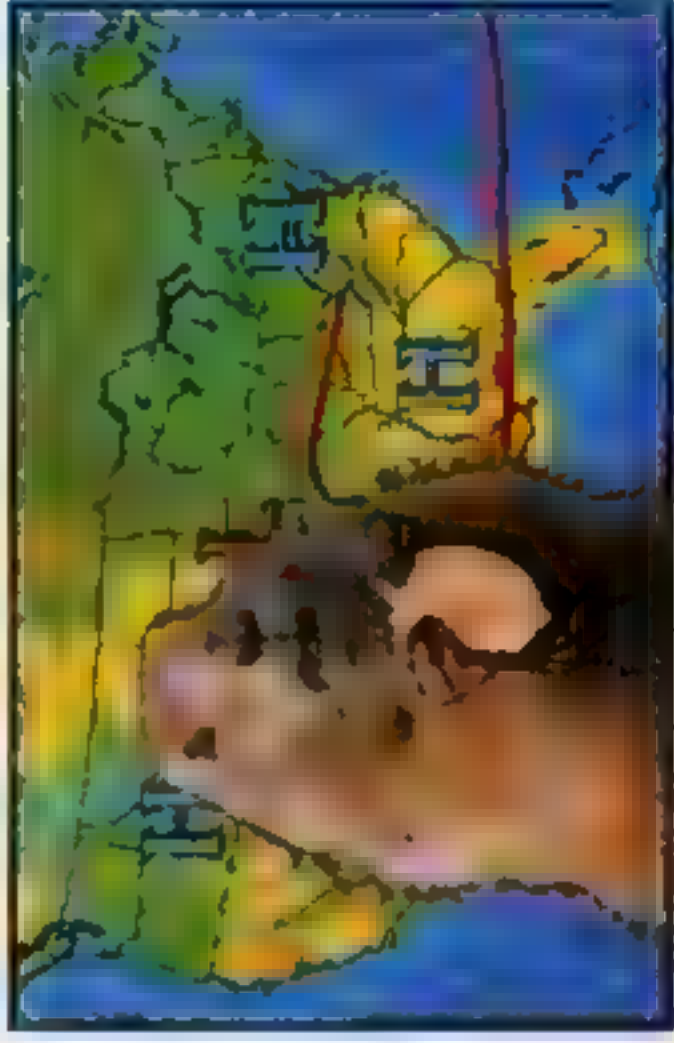
November 5, 2009

 Yesterday, I got home and found two envelopes in the mail, one addressed to me, and one to my folks. Here's the one my parents got:

*You are invited to join us as our son
Brian Jonah Harris
is called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah
Saturday the 21st of November
at Temple Beth-El
Two thousand and nine
At 10 in the morning*

*You art invited to Partake in the
ancient Eloven practise of
Bar Mitzvah for young master
Brian Harris
as he is inducted into Manhood in
accordance with his Jewish faith, born the
21st of November at Temple Beth-El
with merriment in the Room of Cedar
at the Marriott on thoroughfare 105.
ASUP*

Here's
the one
I got:




To translate this into English: Brian Harris is having his bar mitzvah. And it will, apparently, be "Lord of the Rings"-themed.


I'm not sure why he invited me — we're not even good friends. He's nice, but he's kinda geeky — like, even by geek standards. Back in elementary school, he'd show up for Halloween in these weird costumes, and get really annoyed when he had to explain that he was dressed as a character from "Babylon 5". By third grade, he started carrying a sign that read, "I am a character from 'Babylon 5'."

But my mom and his mom are good friends, so I guess I have to go. I asked my mom what a bar mitzvah is. She says it marks the day when you become a man. I told her I don't think most men have Hobbit-themed birthday parties. She said not to mention that to Brian.

November 6, 2009

 I saw Brian today. He said he's been working really hard to get ready for his bar mitzvah. I guess, as part of the ceremony, he has to read aloud in Hebrew. He said he's had a hard time learning it, which surprised me, because I remembered that, for the middle school talent show, it took him only about a week to learn how to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" in Elvish. I asked him if maybe he could just do his reading in Elvish. He said he'd already asked. The rabbi told him no.


November 17, 2009

 So, today in school, Chuck came up to me in the hallway and said he had big news: Jimmy DeMarco's parents are out of town this weekend, so he's having a big party at his house. Jimmy DeMarco's a senior, but Chuck's older brother Doug is friends with him, and he said that Chuck could come, which means that I can come. Chuck said everyone at school's going to be there, and it's going to be pretty much the biggest party since Eric Dalton's party four years ago that resulted in his parents sending him to **military school**.

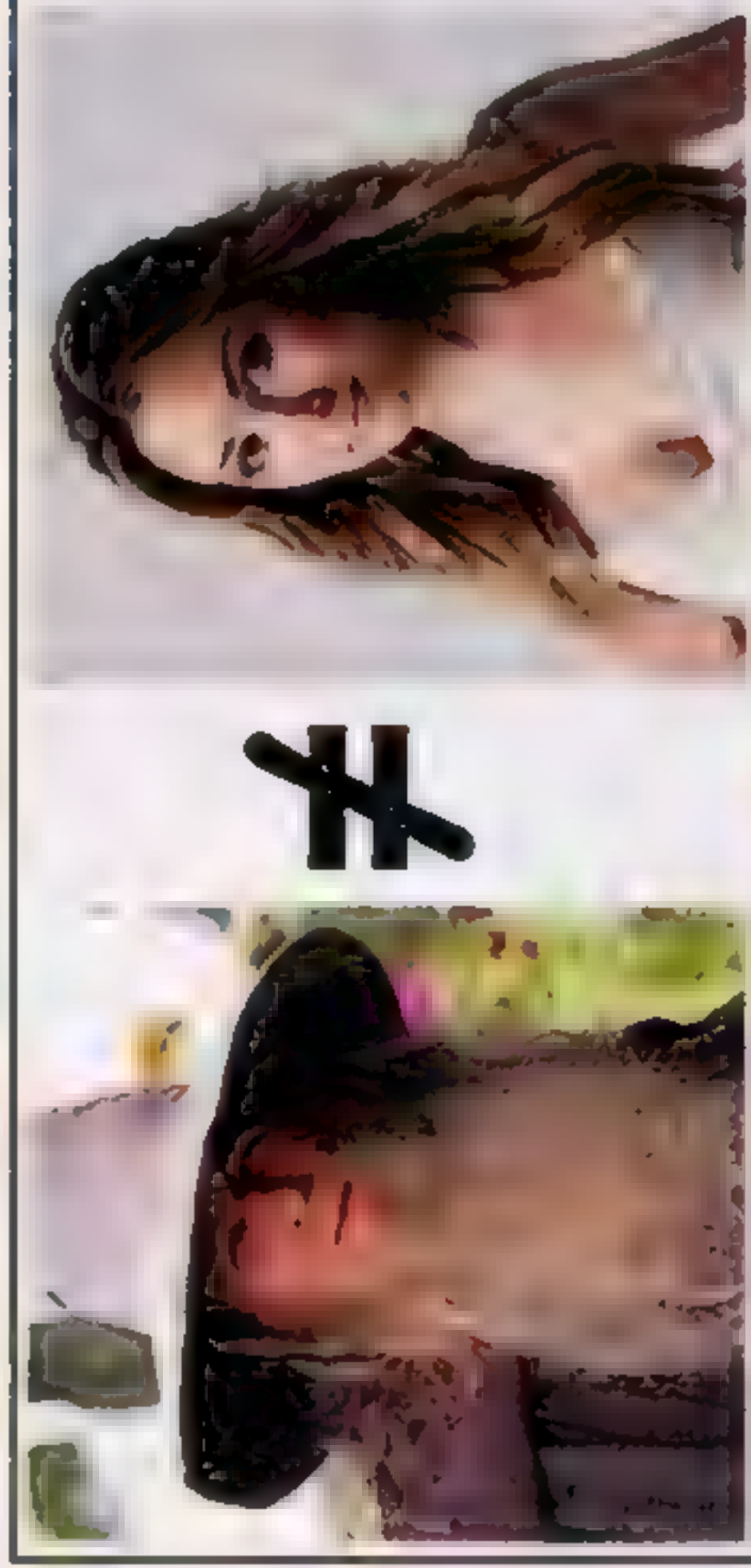
And then Chuck told me the bad news: It's this Saturday. As in, the day when I've already promised Brian I'd go to his bar mitzvah. I asked my mom if I have to go. She said no, I can skip it. As long as I also want to skip going to everything else I'm invited to for the next six months, because I'll be grounded.

I hate it when my mom splits her answers into two sentences like that.


November 20, 2009

 Jimmy DeMarco's cousin, who lives in LA, is coming to the party. And people are saying he knows **Lauren Conrad**, and that she might come too.

Meanwhile, Brian tells me that, at his party, there'll be an ice sculpture of **Gandalf**. So, you know. It's not like I'm missing out or anything.



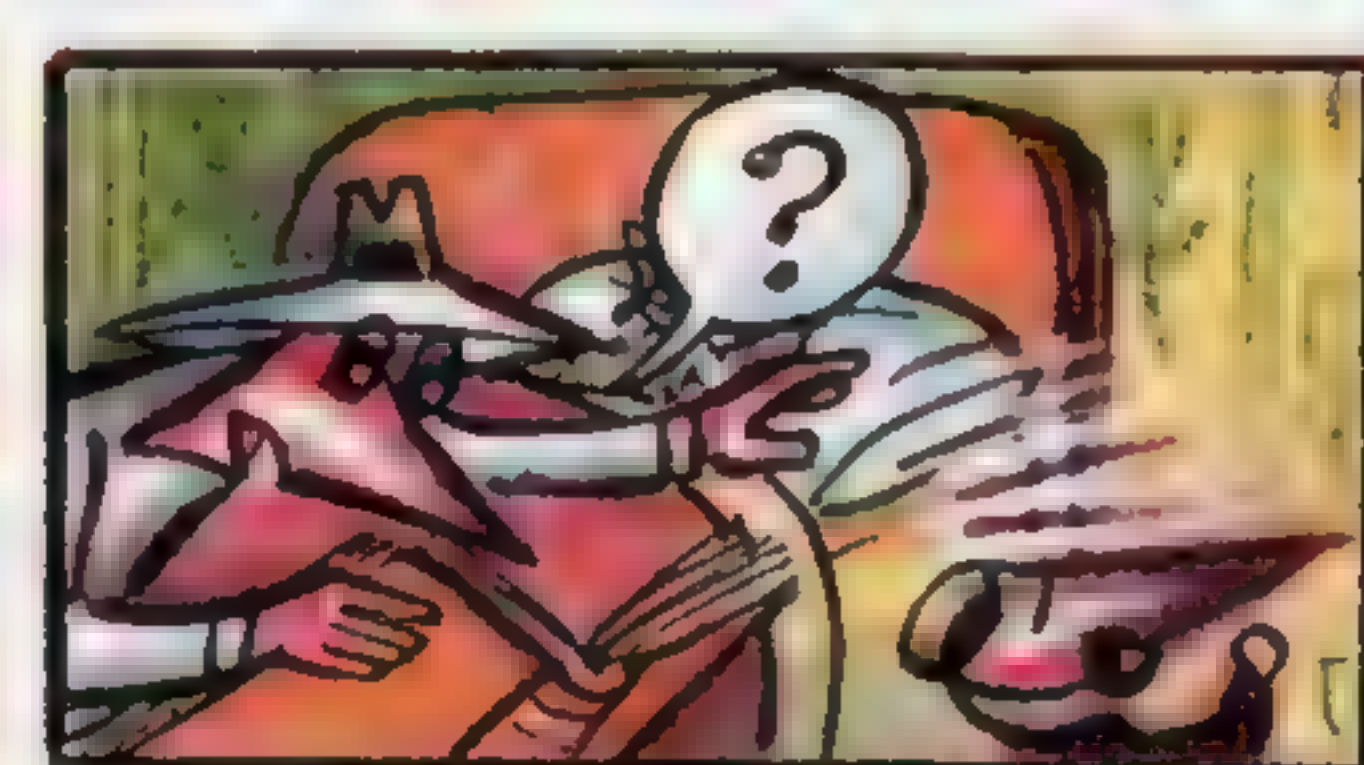
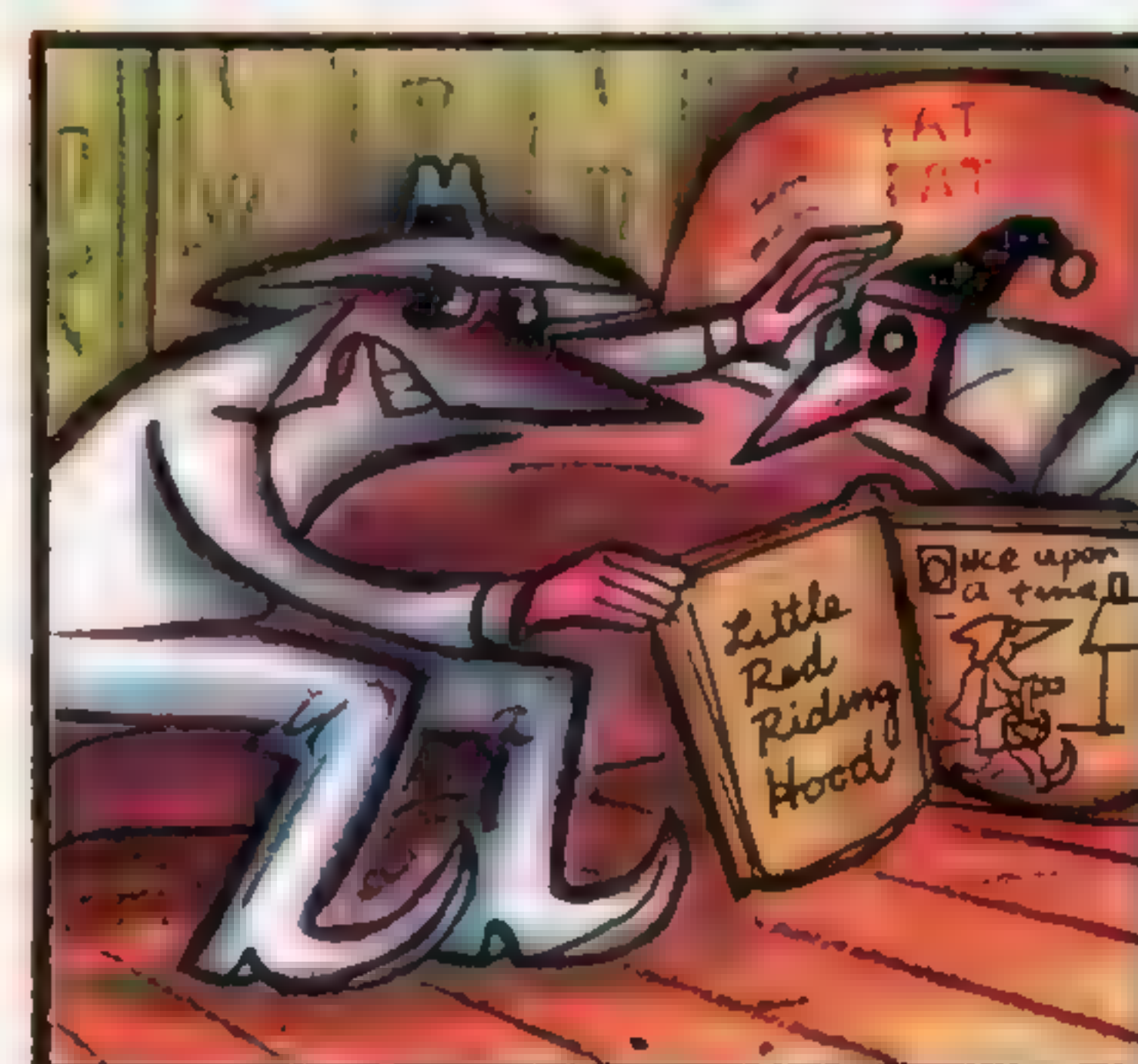
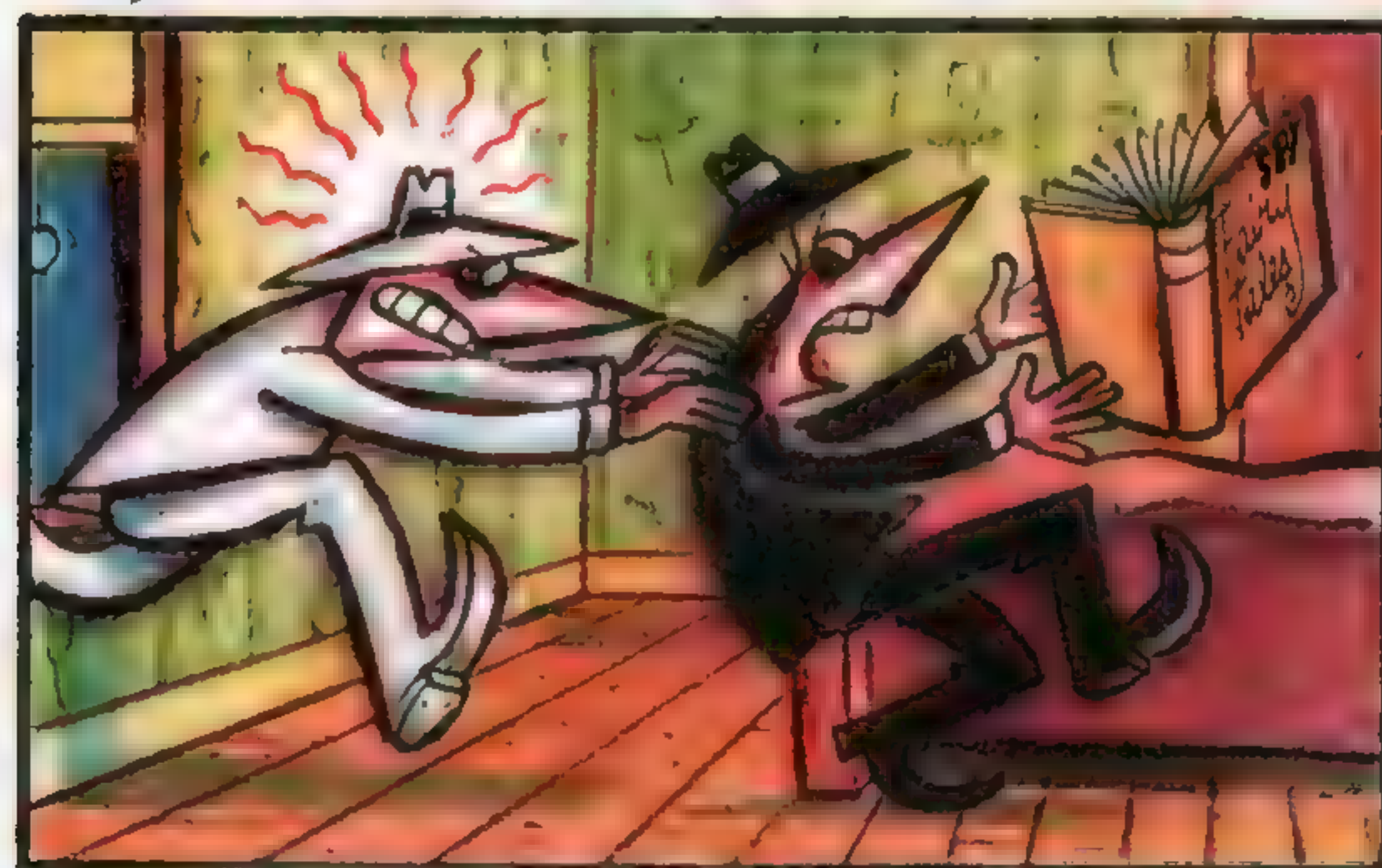
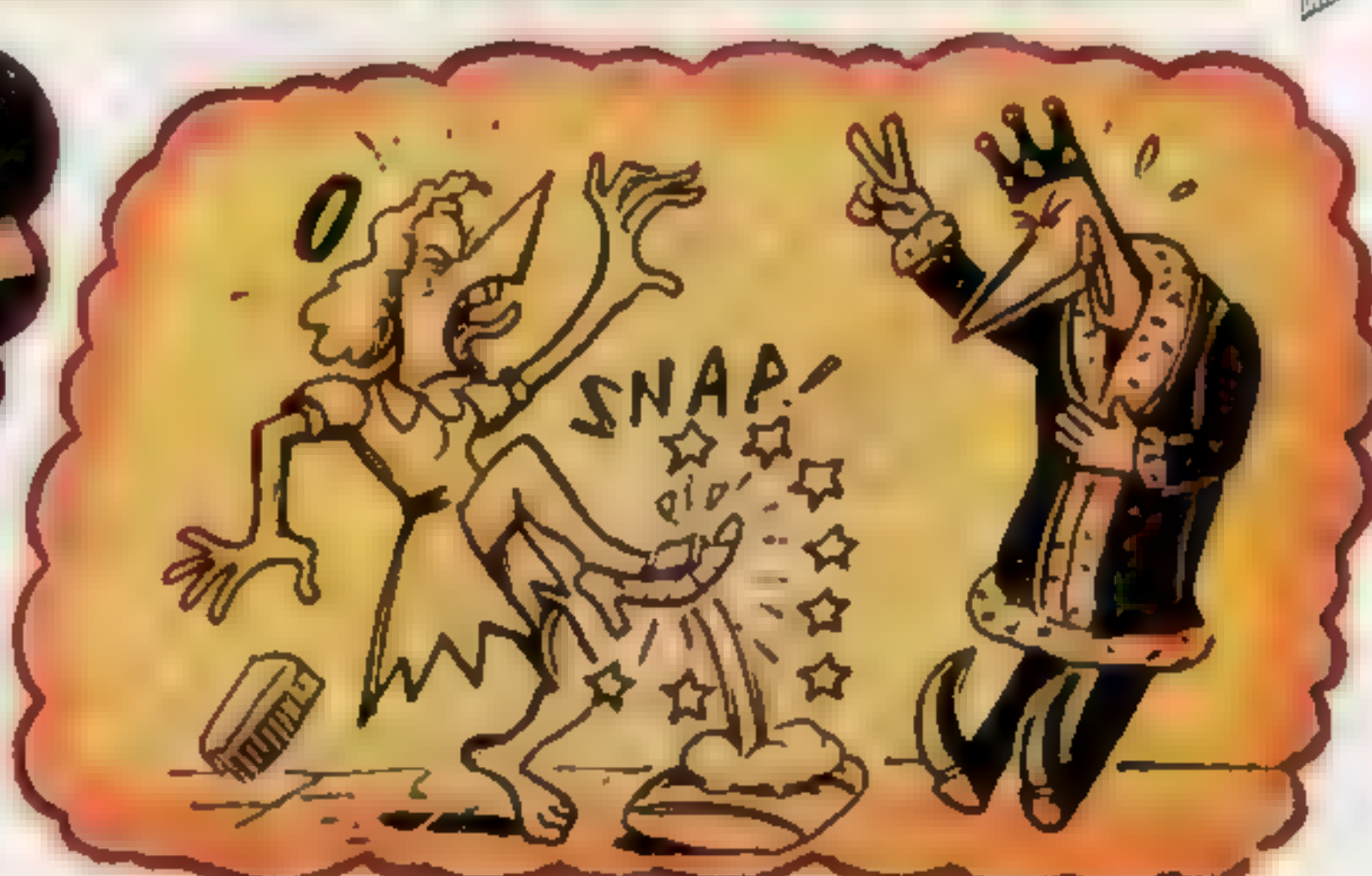
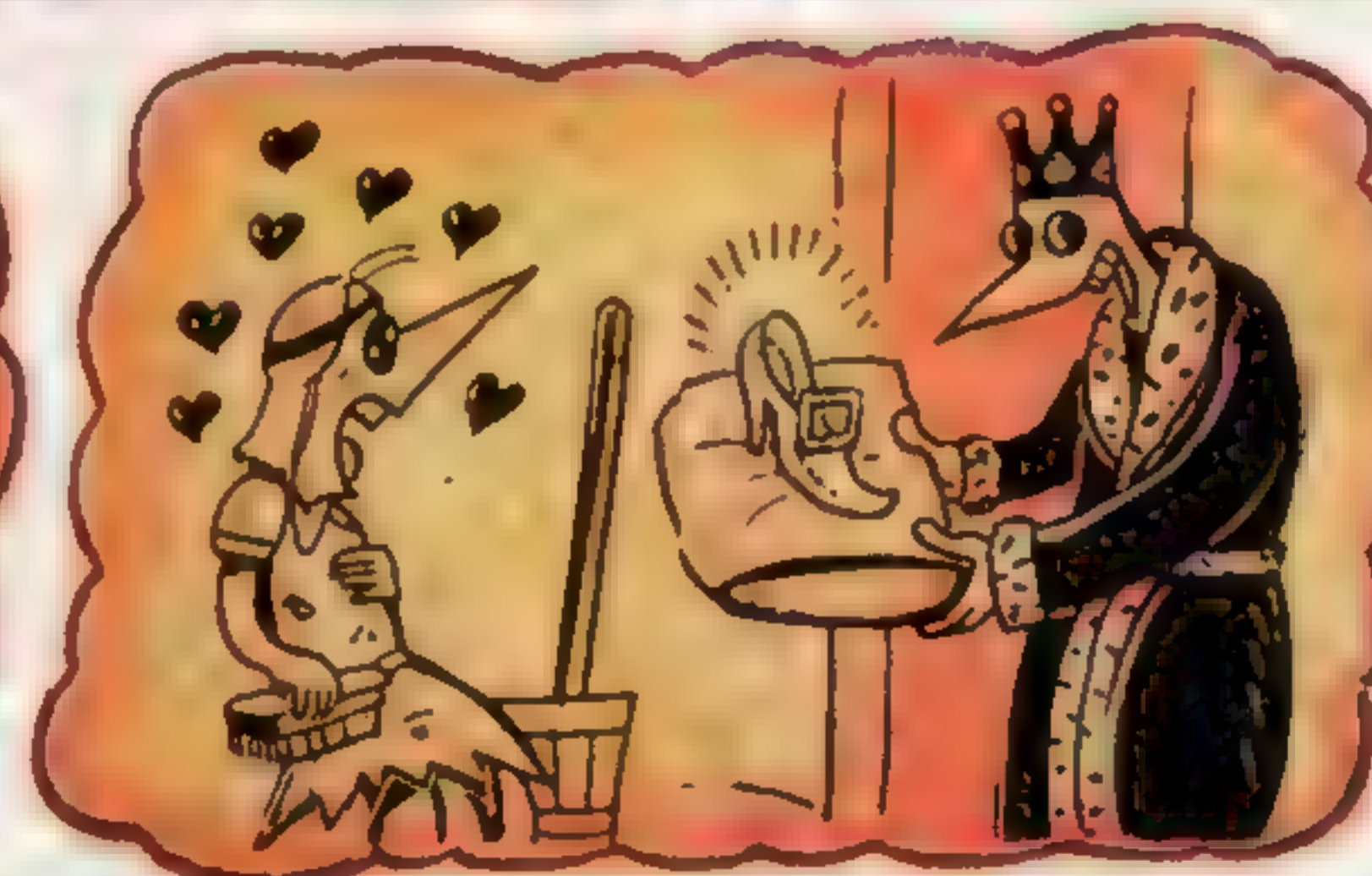
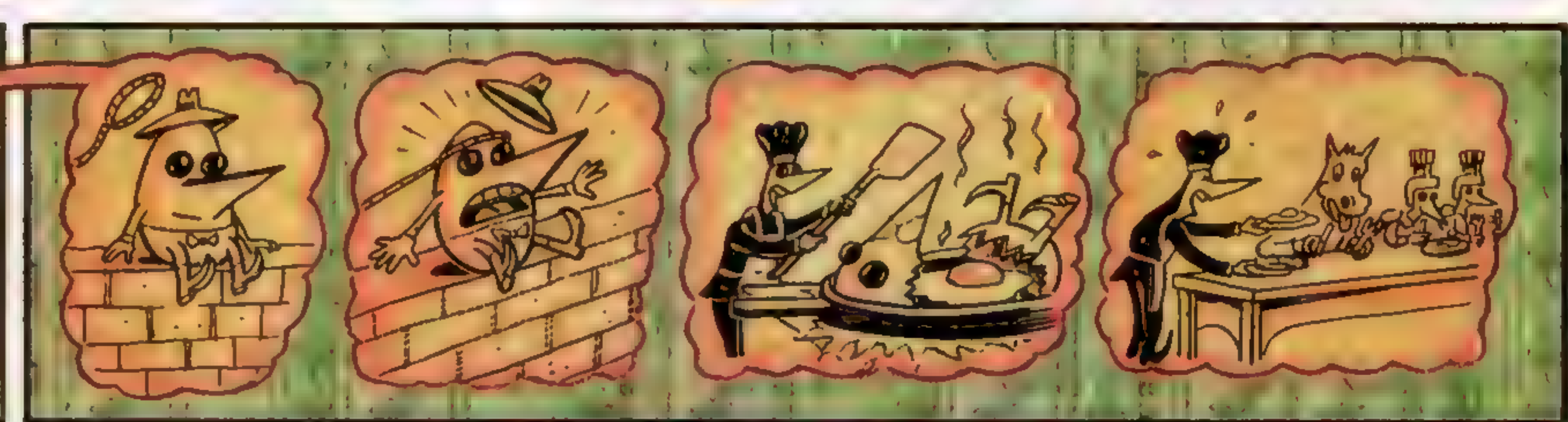
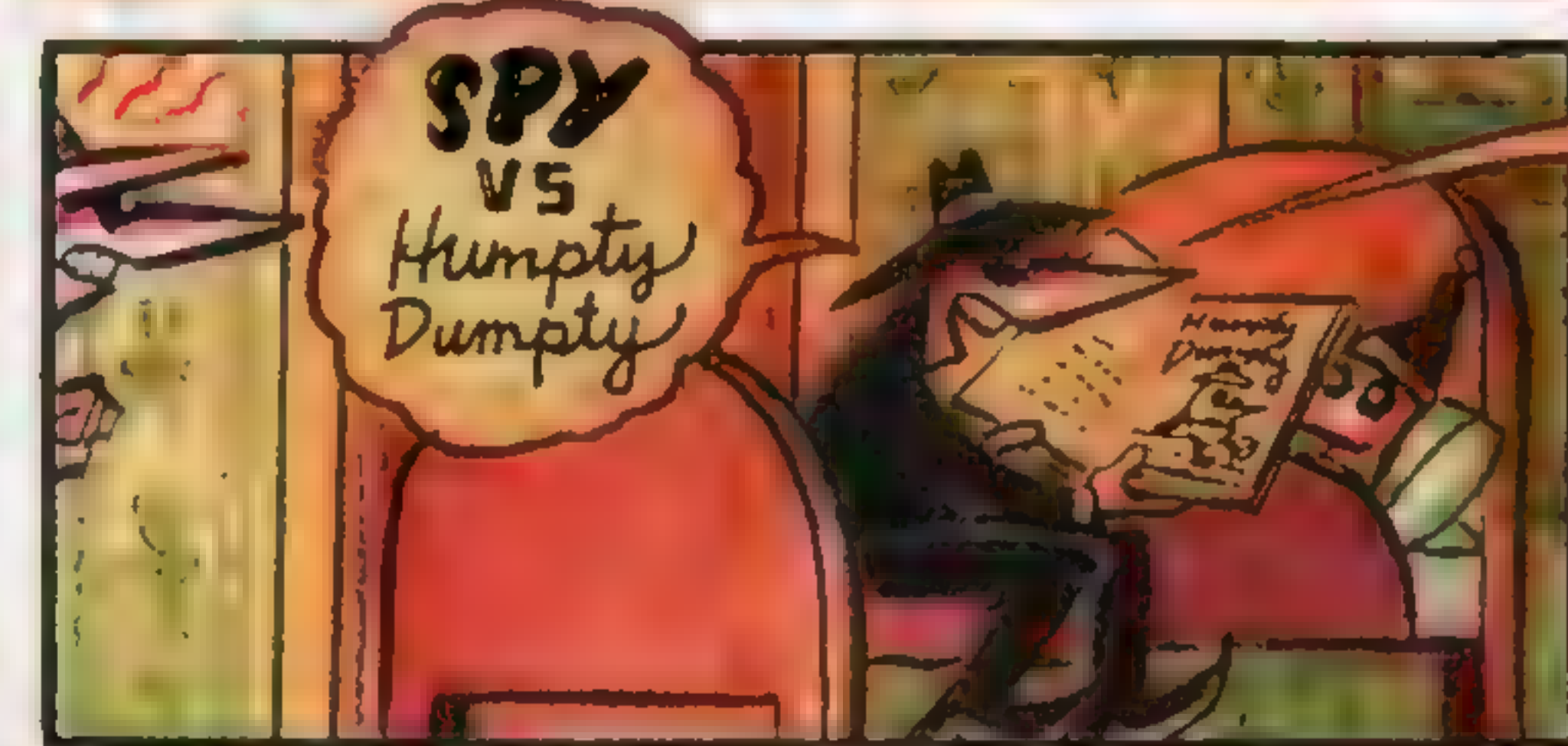
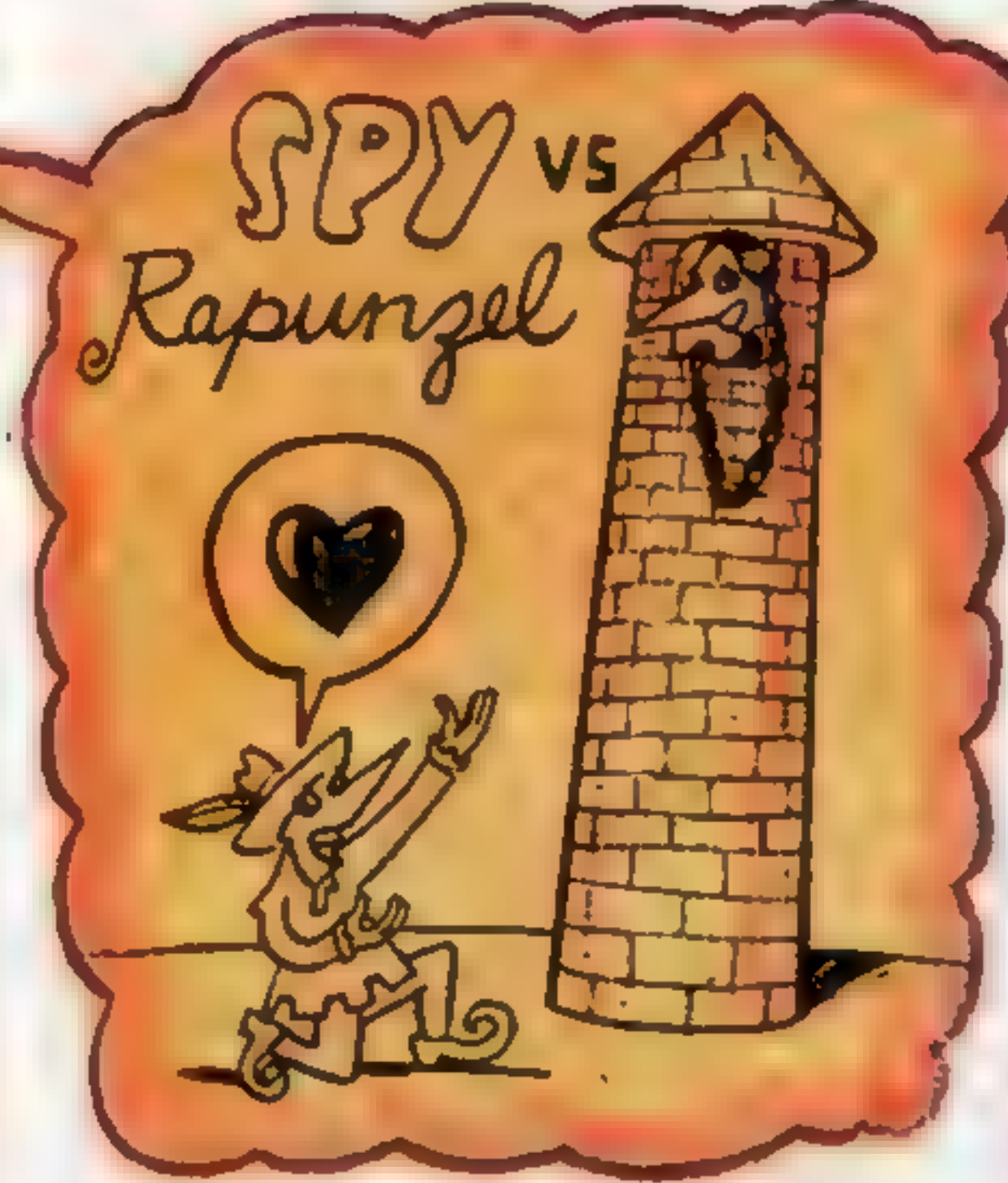
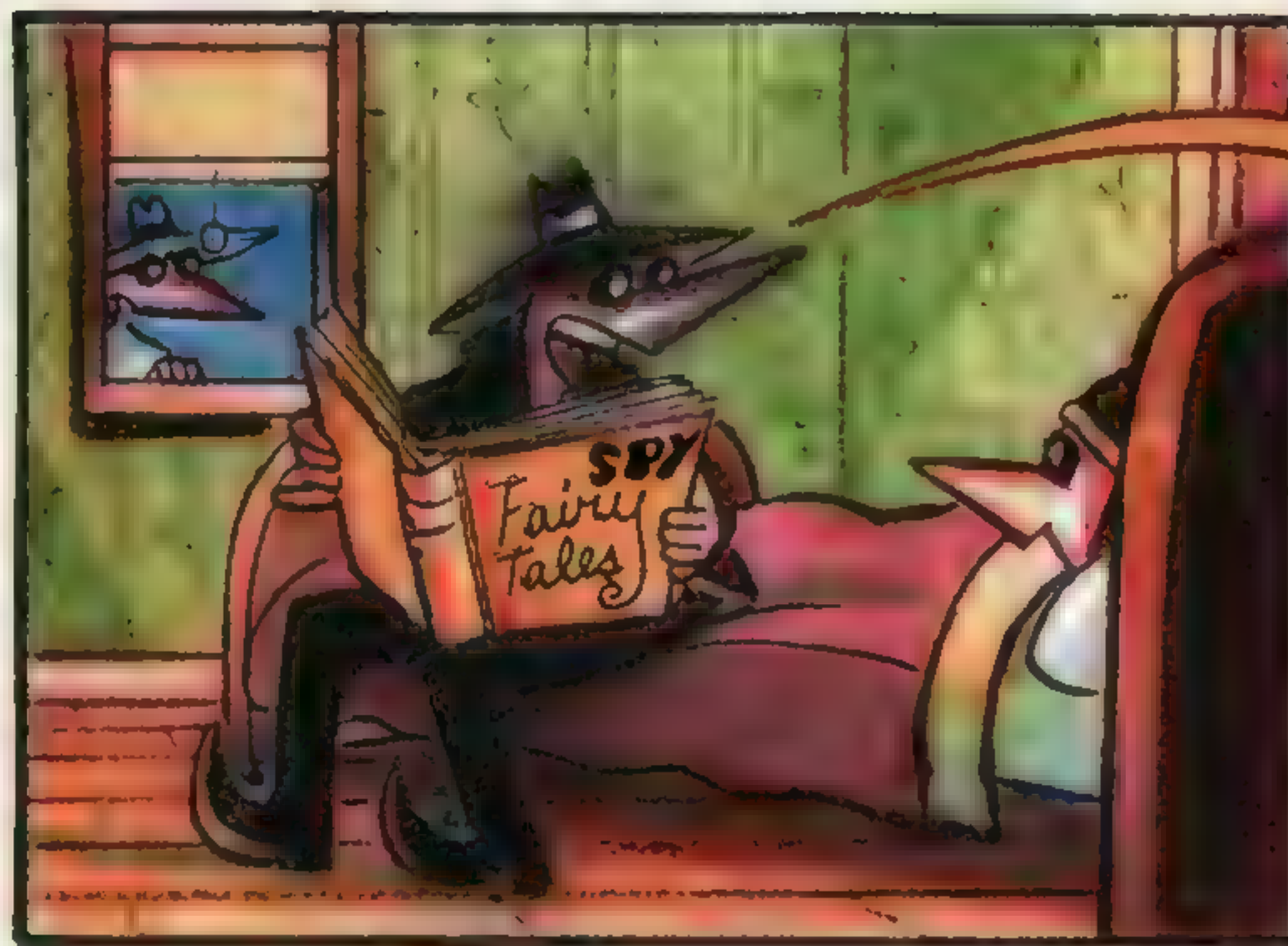
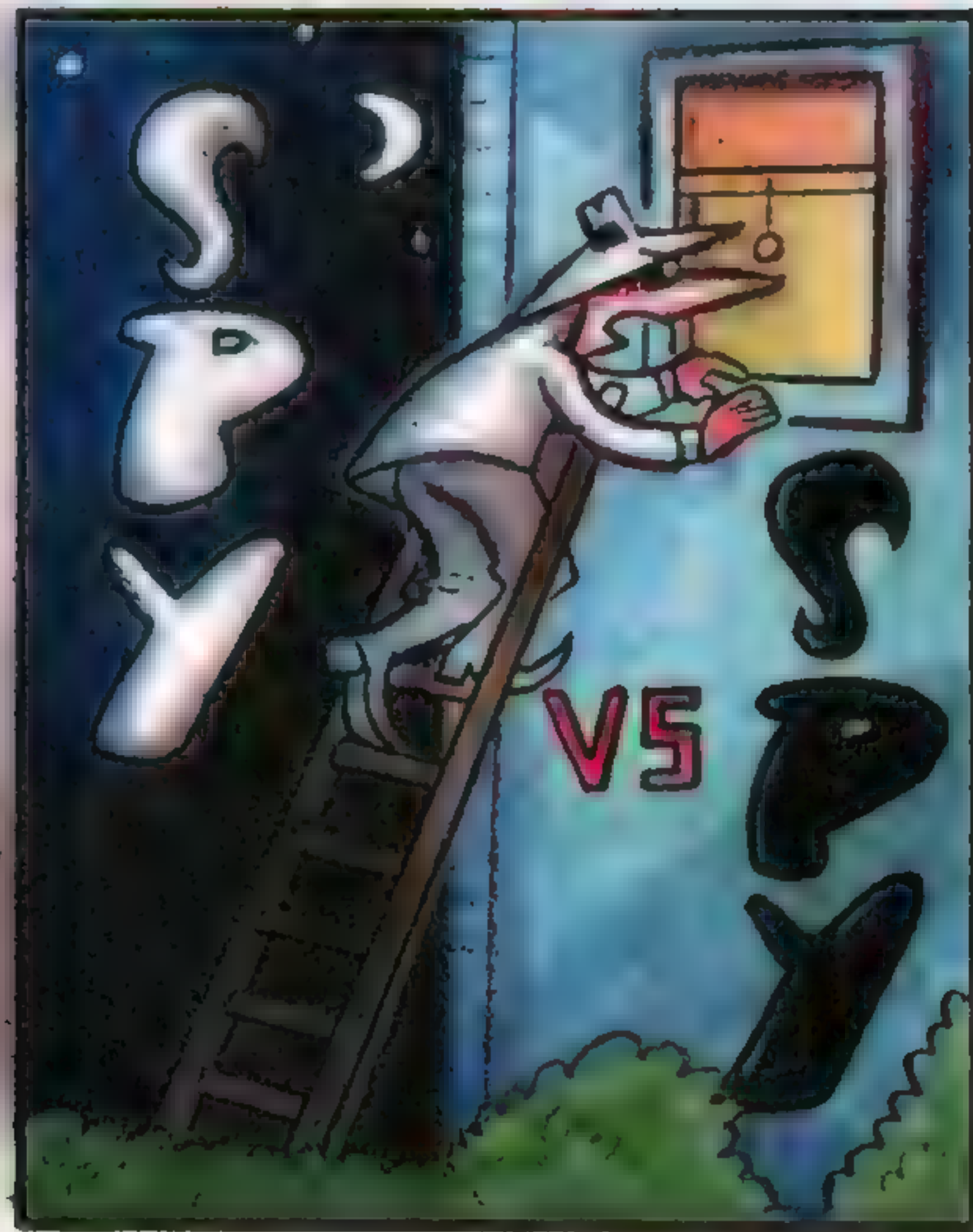
November 21, 2009

 I just got back from Brian's bar mitzvah. It was a little weird at first, because Brian was dressed as Frodo, and the waiters were dressed as elves. But it was also kind of cool — they managed to make the Marriott ballroom look as much like **Middle Earth** as a Marriott ballroom can look. And there was a DJ, and a magician, and a martial arts display. Plus, there were some cute girls from other schools who Brian had gone to camp with. Oh, and the dessert was a giant cake in the shape of a **Balrog**, which Brian stabbed with a sword and cut into pieces.

But none of these were the best part. The best part was when I first arrived, and was looking around, and saw Jimmy DeMarco there with his parents. I asked him what he was doing there, and he shrugged and said, "My folks are friends with Brian's folks." And then I said, "No, why aren't you at your party?" and he just laughed and said, "Doug made up the whole party thing as a joke. I thought for sure everyone would figure it out when he said that Lauren Conrad would be there." And that's when I pictured Chuck and everyone else, standing outside Jimmy's house, freezing. And suddenly, Brian's party got a thousand times better.

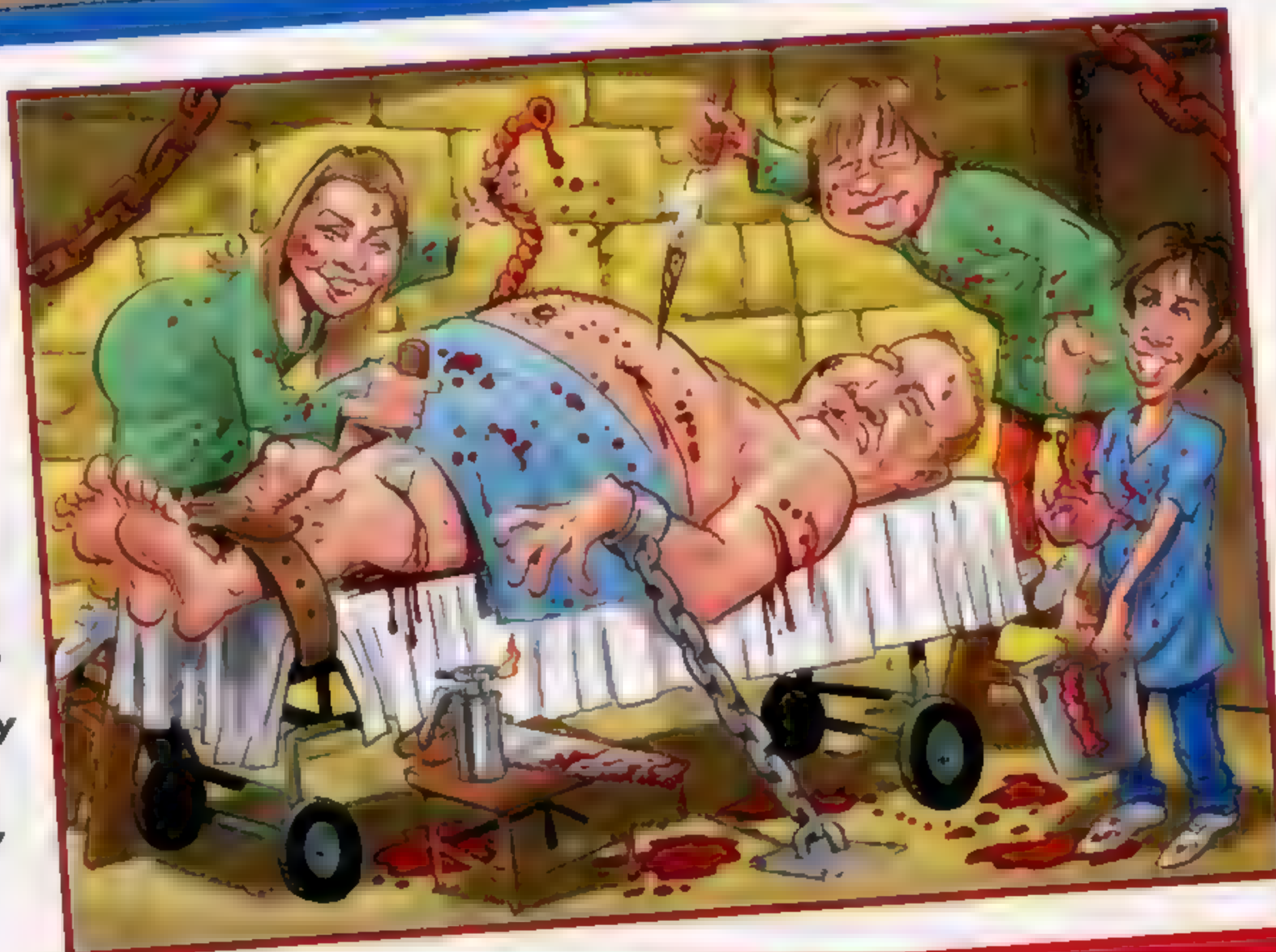
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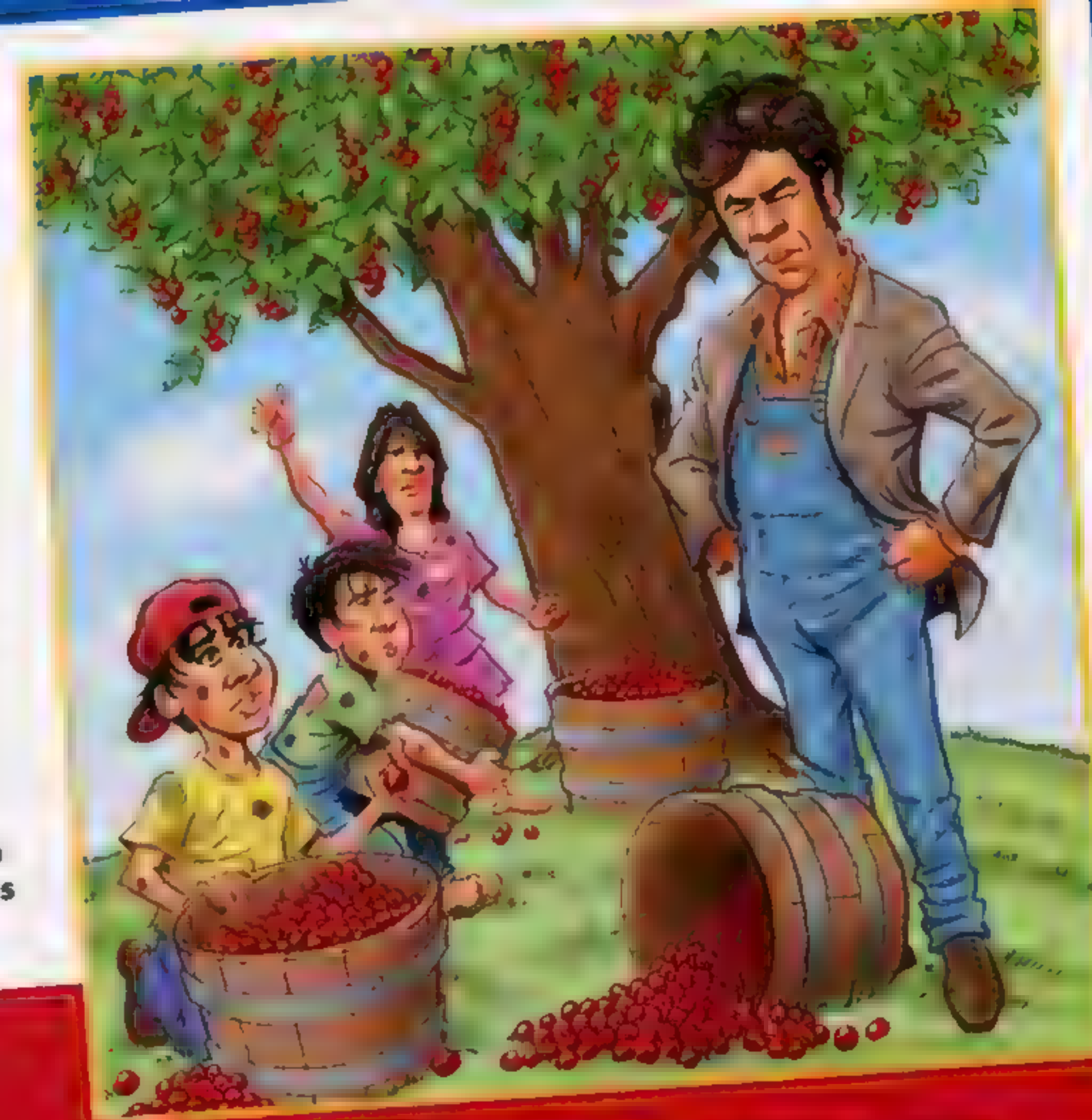
OPERATION

In the gruesome tradition of *Saw* and *Hostel* comes *Operation* — a shocking film that will buzz you to your very core. When the alcoholic, red-nosed Cavity Sam (Paul Blart: Mall Cop's Kevin James) has his heart broken, he spends a night of violent drinking to ease the pain — but awakes to find himself strapped to a dingy operating table, faced with the horror of surgery by a gang of maniacally giggling, shaky-handed children (Little Miss Sunshine's Abigail Breslin, *Two and a Half Men*'s Angus T. Jones, and *Daddy Day Care*'s Jimmy Bennett)! Can he escape — or will he have his Adam's apple, funny bone and bread basket snatched clean from his body with a rusty pair of tweezers? Directed by Patch Adams' Tom Shadyac.



HiHo Cherry-O

A tragic glimpse into the seamy world of Mexican child labor, young Miguel (stunning newcomer Luis Ramirez) must somehow pick enough fruit from four meager cherry trees to satisfy his domineering field boss, Tito (played with venomous brio by Oscar-winner Benicio Del Toro). Can one downtrodden 6-year-old overcome hungry crows, harvest-wrecking dogs, and Tito's malicious habit of putting the boy's hard-won cherries back onto the tree? Filled with both buckets of heartbreak and the sweet juice of hope, *Hi-Ho! Cherry-O* possesses an overwhelming bounty of emotion.



With the announcement that Universal Pictures would be producing six (six!) movies based on Hasbro board games, it became apparent that Hollywood has scraped clean through the bottom of the barrel and into the soft, moist soil of failure. But if you're one of the spot-slurping cretins who are actually excited for flicks based on Monopoly, Candy Land and Battleship, well, we've got good news — there are more on the way! That's right, roll the dice and move ahead to more

BOARD GAME-BASED MOVIES WE'LL SOON BE SEEING



Don't Wake Daddy

A frank exploration of child abuse, *Don't Wake Daddy* stars Dakota Fanning (Charlotte's Web) as Amber, an 11-year-old whose whiskey-soaked father, Ferris (Mystic River's Kevin Bacon), spends his paltry factory wages on liquor — letting his daughter go hungry each night while he drinks himself to sleep on a tattered La-Z-Boy. When she's sure he's passed out, the desperate Amber must tiptoe into the kitchen for a crust of moldy bread and a cup of sour milk — but if she steps on the cat's tail, rouses the family bird or knocks over a vase, there will be hell to pay. Unflinchingly directed by Kimberly Peirce (*Boys Don't Cry*), *Don't Wake Daddy* will leave you starving with desire for a better world.

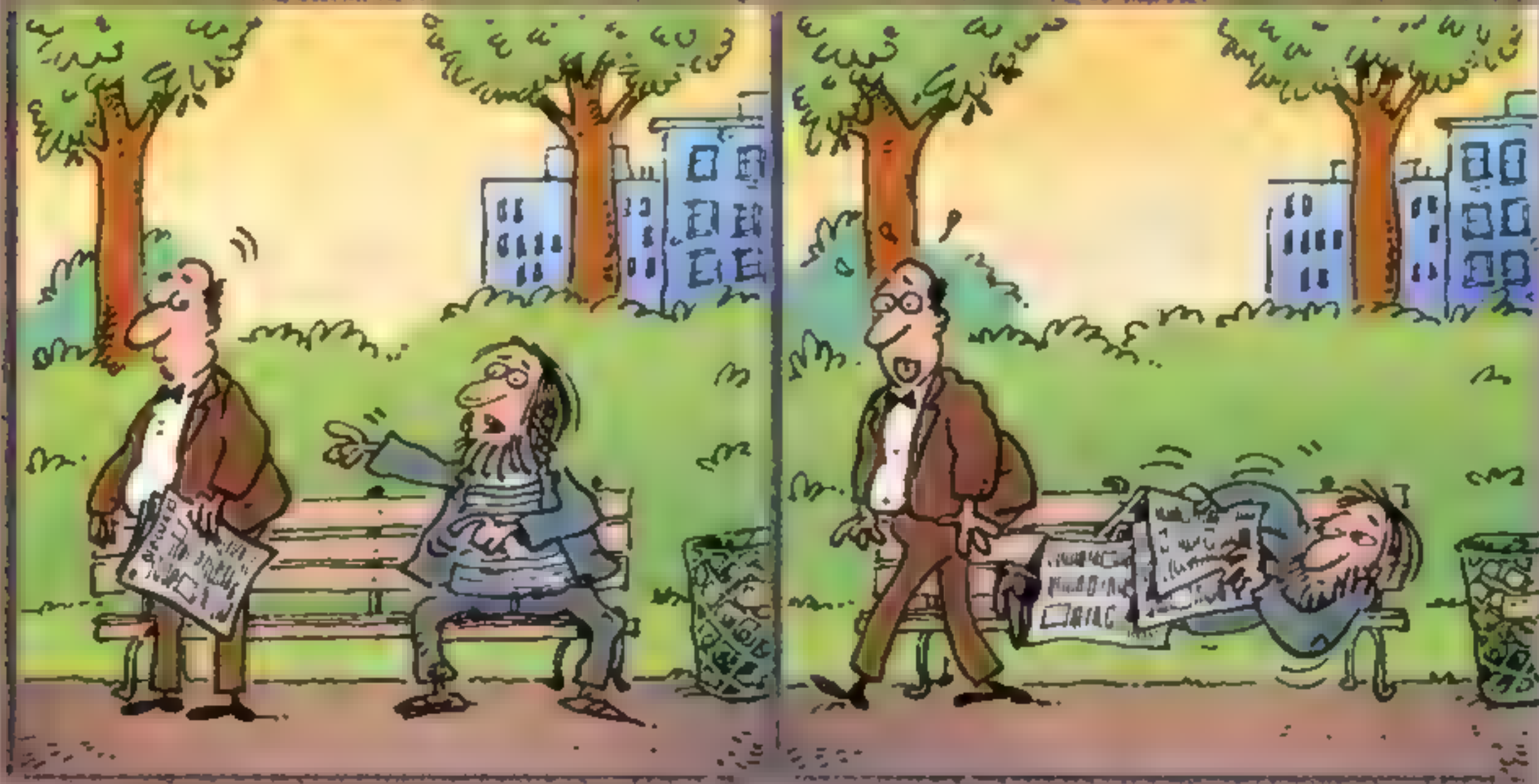
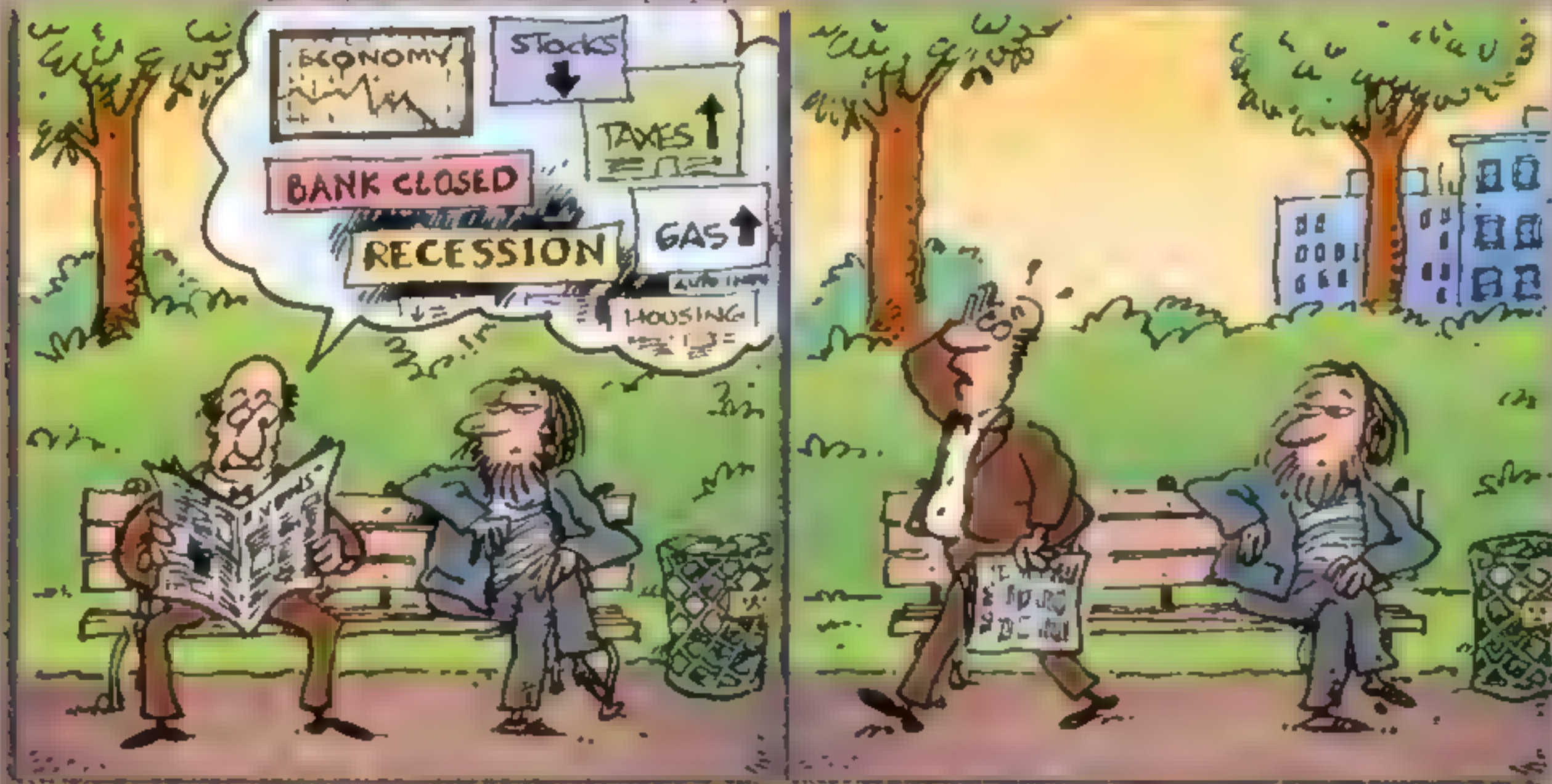
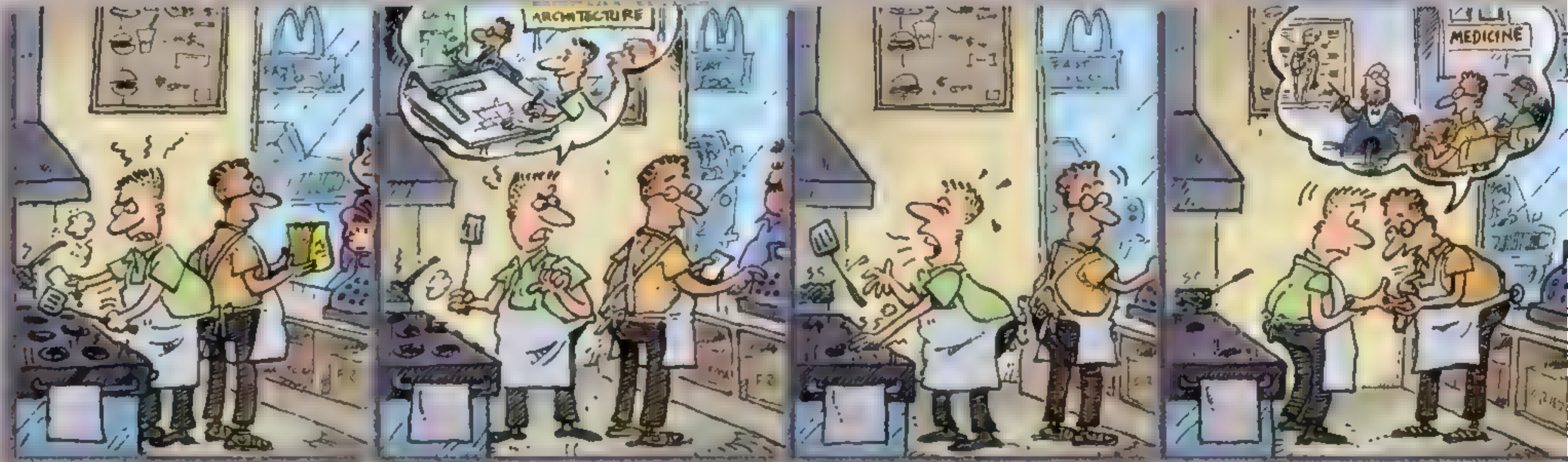
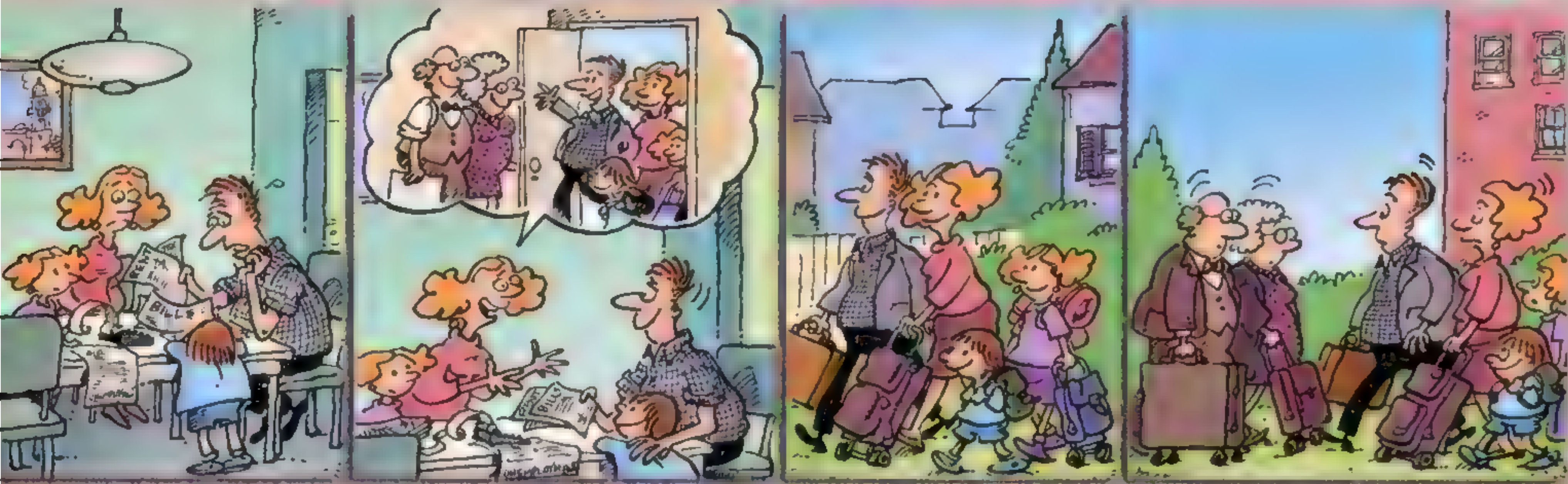


Trivial Pursuit

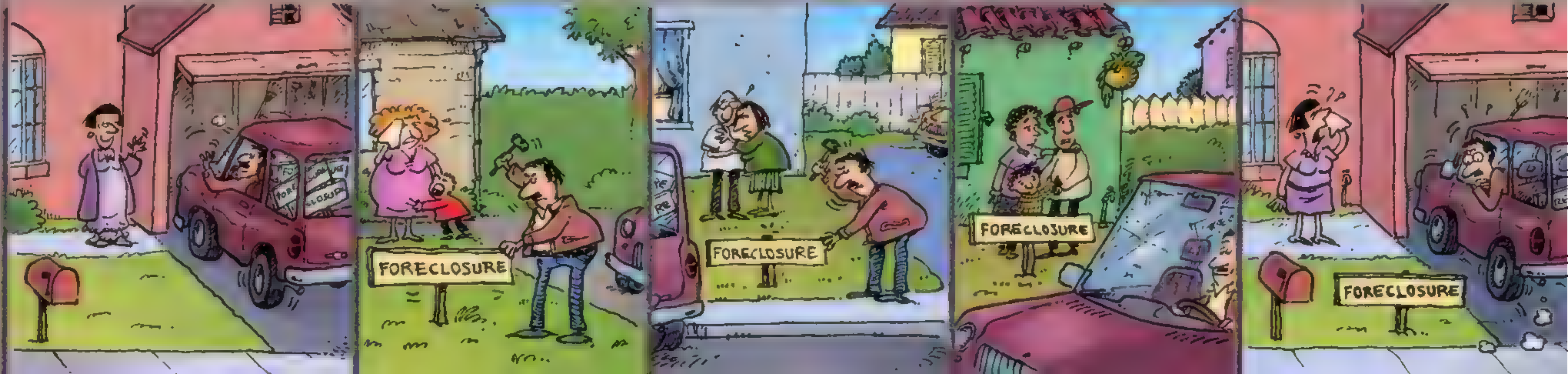
Trivial Pursuit is the hilarious new comedy from Judd Apatow, director of the smash hits *Knocked Up* and *The Forty-Year-Old Virgin*. Seth Rogen, James Franco, and Paul Rudd star as three wisecracking misfits who work in a failing pie shop — and to pass the time, try to stump each other with questions about Belgian waffles, Mariah Carey, and the reign of Emperor Hirohito! To make it interesting, they award each other a wedge of pie if they answer correctly about Geography (blueberry), History (lemon meringue), Arts & Literature (apple), Science & Nature (key lime), Sports & Leisure (peach) and Entertainment (pink chiffon). Soon, every pie in the shop is sliced up, and when the owner arrives, the accusations — and the pies — start flying!

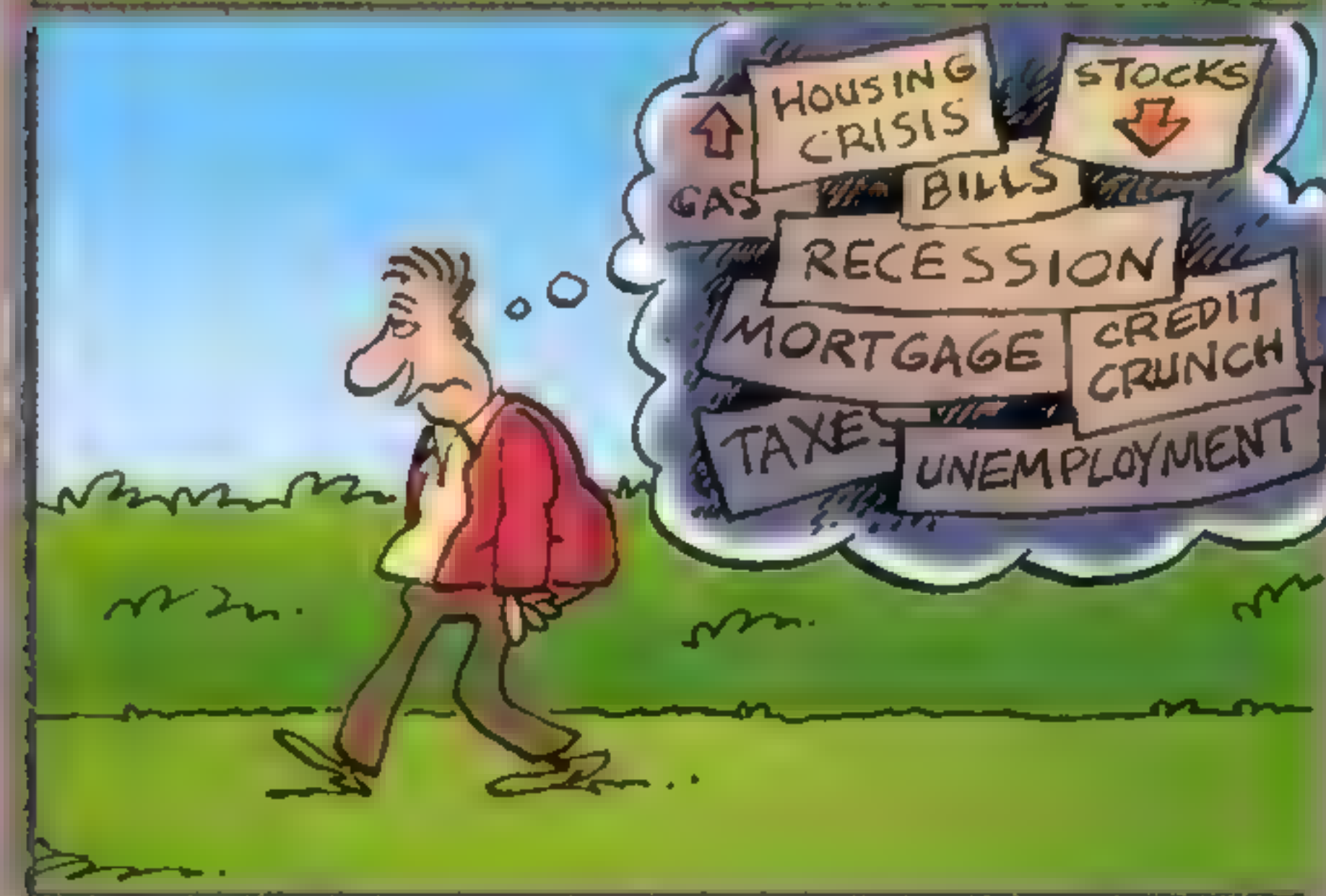
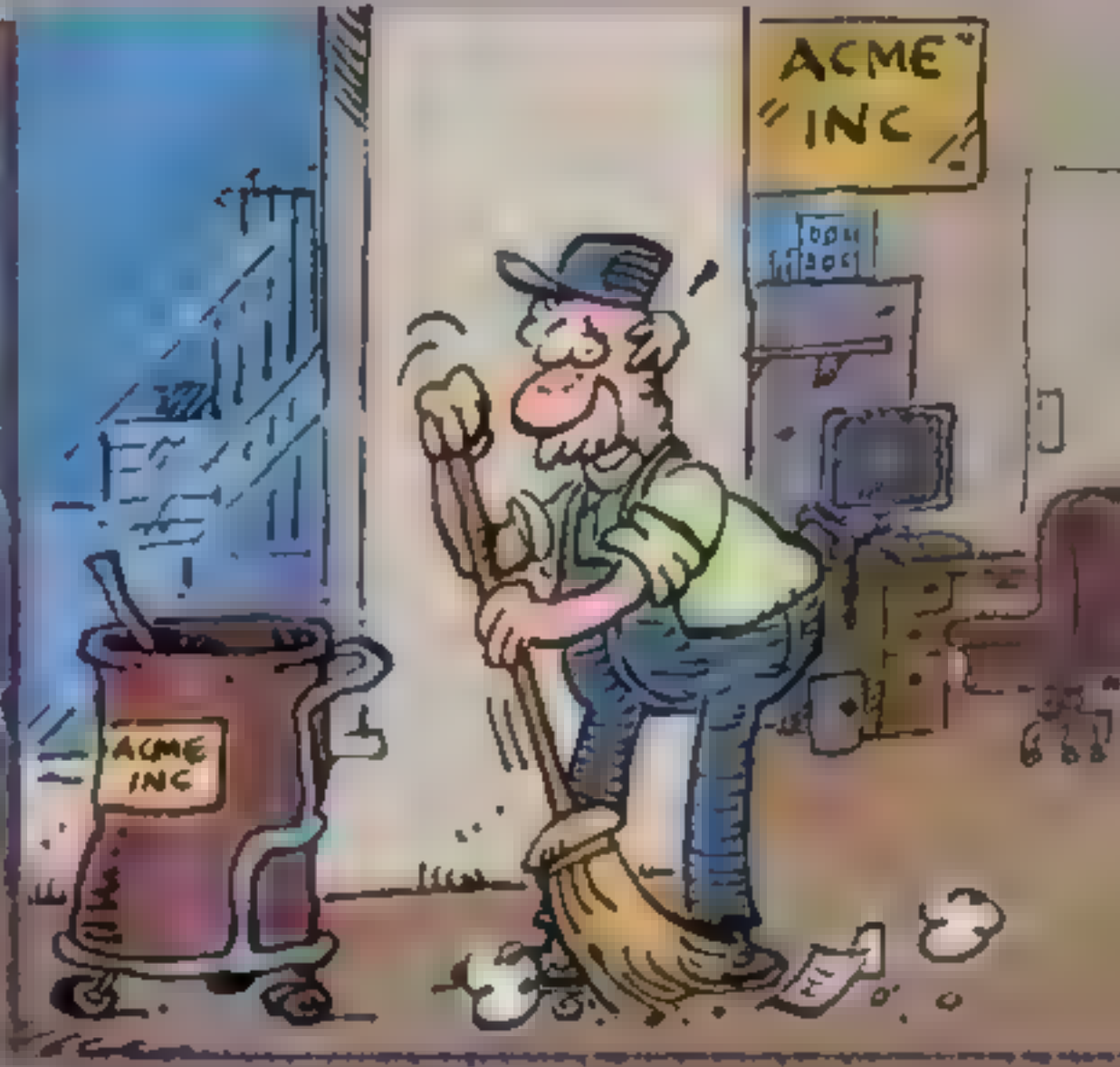
SERGIO ARAGONÉS

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WRITER AND ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONÉS COLORIST: TOM LUTH

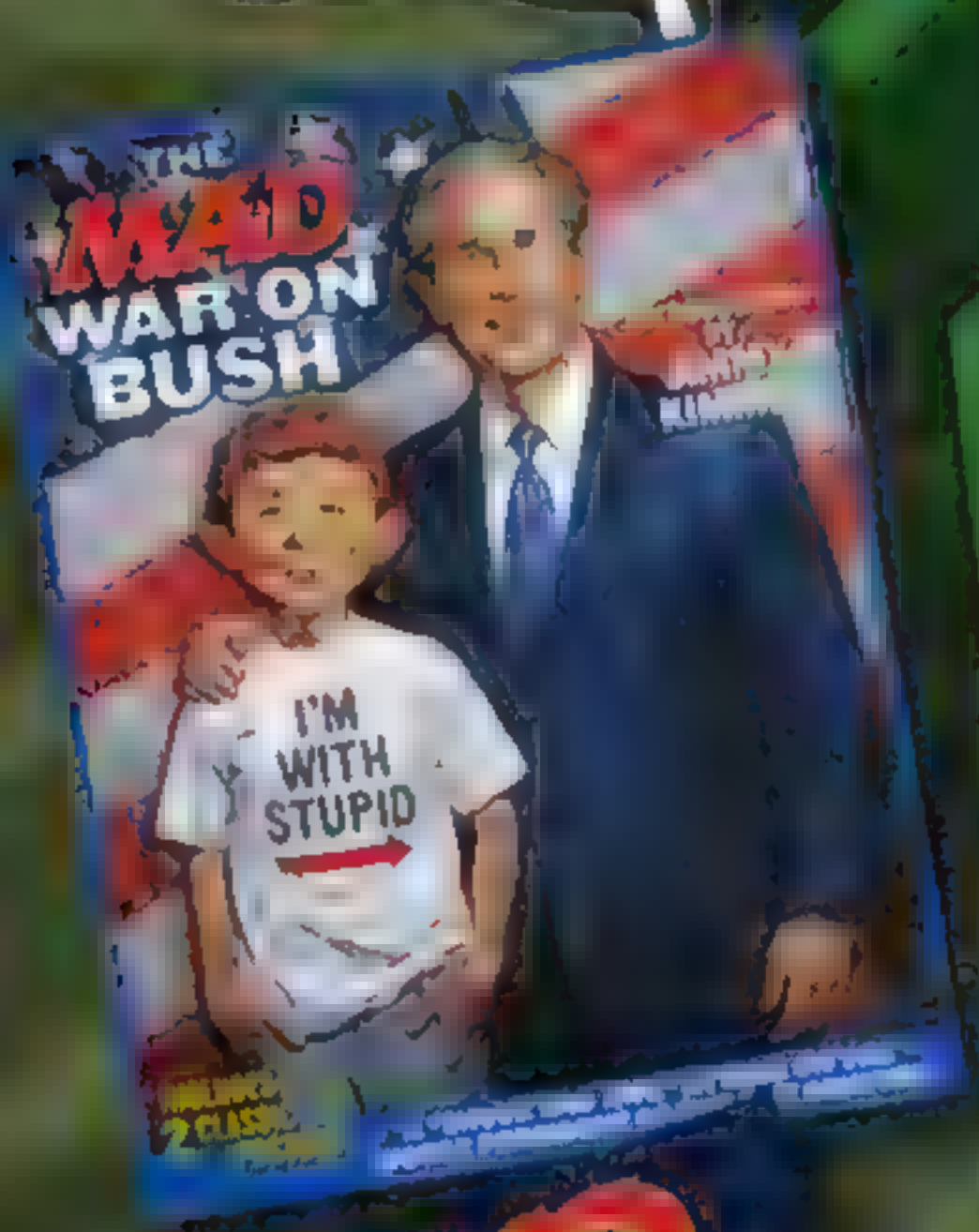






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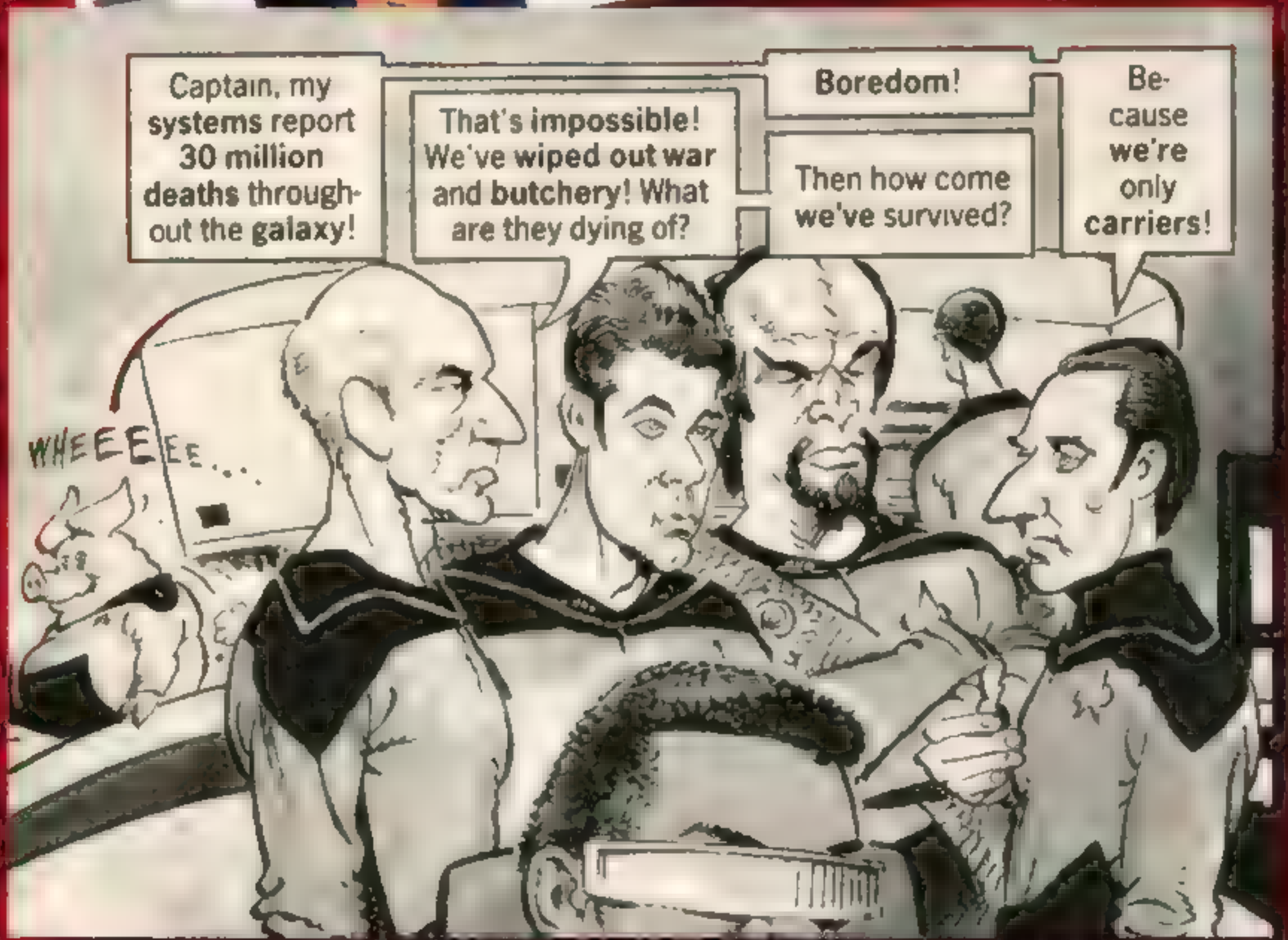
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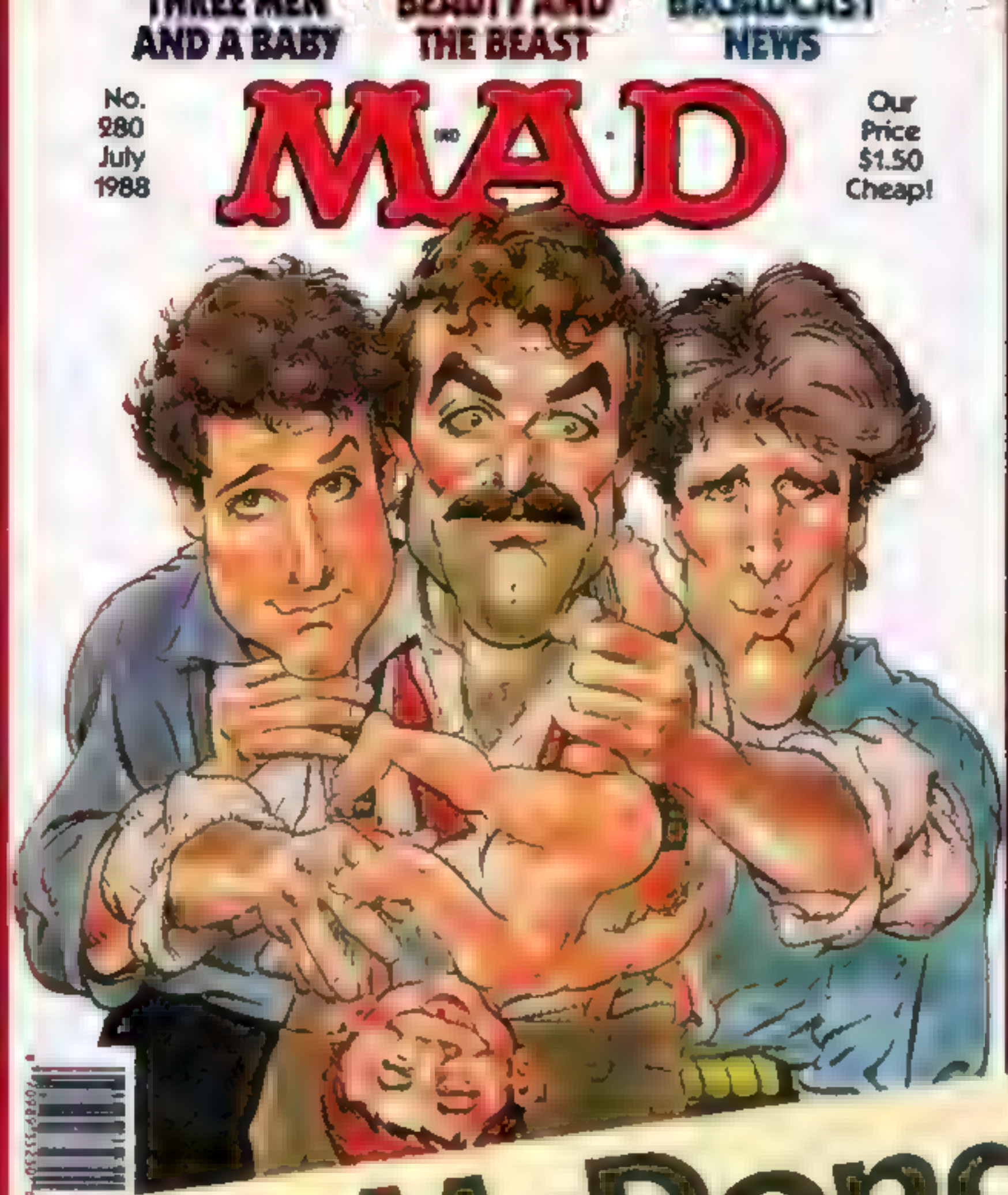
Quick Recoveries for Embarrassing Situations
Writer and Artist: Al Jaffee MAD 278



The MAD Nasty File (Volume 3) Writer: Tom Koch Artist: Gerry Gersten MAD 282



Star Blech - The Next Degradation Writer: Frank Jamulis Artist: Mort Drucker MAD 282



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Other McDLT Type Ideas We'd Like To See From McDonald's

Writer: Mike Snider Artist: Al Jaffee MAD 283

THIS ISSUE WE 'RAP'...

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Well, howdy there, gang—get a load of...me...I'm the resident id-i-ot, Al-fred El!

MAD's looking for suckers who'll spend...their...cash On this latest assortment of mind-less...trash!

If you've time...to...waste, then have...no...fear—The usual gang...of...clods...are...here!

This cover, you'll note, is a lot...floof. Guaranteed to make our circ-u-lat-ion drop!

Check the movies we spoof—you'll get...no...yuck! "Dirty Dancing" is a dud, and "Strike-out" sucks!

And if you need...more...proof why tu-mor's...died, take a heavy...look at "The Light-er...Side!"

You should know...that...MAD serves no...vi-kal...needs! Heck, the "fat-low Pages" are more fun...to...read! So better wise...up...gang, and save...your...bucks, And you won't wind...up...among the wimps...and...schmucks! But if you should blow it and you crew...the...worst—Just remember one thing—WE WARNED YOU FIRST!



Where did you learn to drive a tank? You're smashing into everything!

Back in the states I once was a valet parking attendant!

We fundamentalist Moslems must defeat the atheistic Communists! Then we can establish a government like the one headed by our most inspiring leader!

Ya mean Ronald Reagan? No...

Rambull III Writer: Stan Hart Artist: Angelo Torres MAD 285

THE FAMILY CIRCUS SIDE

NO LITTERING

"Well, I thought this was the spot where we left daddy...I remember we buried him in the sand about an hour ago right here next to a 'No Littering' sign."

When Other Comic Strips Start Using The "Far Side" Formula Writer: Chanté Kadeu Artist: Bob Clarke MAD 280

...the Ayatollah Khomeini!

Why didn't nobody do research on dese crazies before we made 'em look like heroes?



Did you see my set tonight? Man, I was on a roll, one gag after another! I bet I told ten gags a minute!

Yeah, that's because you weren't interrupted by laughter!

If that guy's a comedian he must be pretty desperate, writing down the lousy jokes in this joint.

He's not a comedian, he's a writer for MAD Magazine!

A MAD Peek Behind The Scenes At A Comedy Club

Writer: Lou Silverstone Artist: Sam Vlieteno MAD 288

YOURS IS THE BIGGEST ONE I'VE EVER SEEN!

...is thrilling when a friend is checking out your new engagement ring.

...not so thrilling when it's a doctor examining your goiter!

Same Words...Different Circumstances!

Writer: J. Prebe Idea: Christopher Allen Artist: Paul Coker MAD 263

Please, take your time, Captain, and tell us...

...is that killer whale in this courtroom today?

The Colossal Courtroom Confrontation

Writer and Artist: Duck Edwing MAD 277

FORGIVABLE SIN: GREED

So, you good Chistians, we desperately need your contributions to continue the great work of the Jim and Tammy ministry. We'll gladly accept any donation—your Social Security checks, or disability payments, or medicare refunds—anything!

UNFORGIVABLE SIN: HAVING DIFFERENT BELIEFS

The only way to salvation is to embrace Jesus and become a born again Christian Fundamentalist!

Can't a Catholic or a Jew be saved?

Why would God want to do a dumb thing like that?

The MAD Guide to "Forgivable" and "Unforgivable" Sins (According To Certain Fundamentalists)

Writer: Stan Hart Artist: Mort Drucker MAD 282

"JEOPARDY"

...keeps viewers happy with the promise that two of each day's insufferable smart alecks will lose.

...is the only place where a doctoral student in ancient history can hope to win part of his tuition money back.

...fills a need by giving people who know Herbert Hoover's middle name a place to show off their skill.

The MAD Nasty File (Volume 2)

Writer: Tom Koch Artist: Gerry Gersten MAD 278

What the Heck Is the Difference?

Can you find the 8 idiotic changes we've made to this *Twilight: New Moon* poster?



- 1) Robert Pattinson now has a lush and shaggy mullet.
- 2) Kristen Stewart has an equally lush and shaggy unibrow.
- 3) Taylor Lautner has a giant schnozz.
- 4) There are Christmas ornaments hanging from the tree.
- 5) Lautner has a giant foam finger (perfect for picking that huge honker).
- 6) You can't see it, but they're all wearing Capri pants and Crocs.
- 7) The Count is there — and is officially the scariest vampire in this franchise.
- 8) Pattinson is holding poop on a stick — because that's what mysterious, dreamy loners do, dammit!



WHAT KIND OF STOCKS DO MANY INVESTORS BELIEVE JIM CRAMER SHOULD GET INTO NEXT?

HERE WE GO WITH A SPECIAL EDITION **MAD FOLD-IN**

Jim Cramer's whole career is based on predicting the stock market — but lately it's been one bad call after another, and it's been absolutely torturous to watch. His viewers are tired of all his mistakes, and they agree that he should just lock himself down in a drastically different direction. To find out what he should throw himself into next, fold page in as shown.



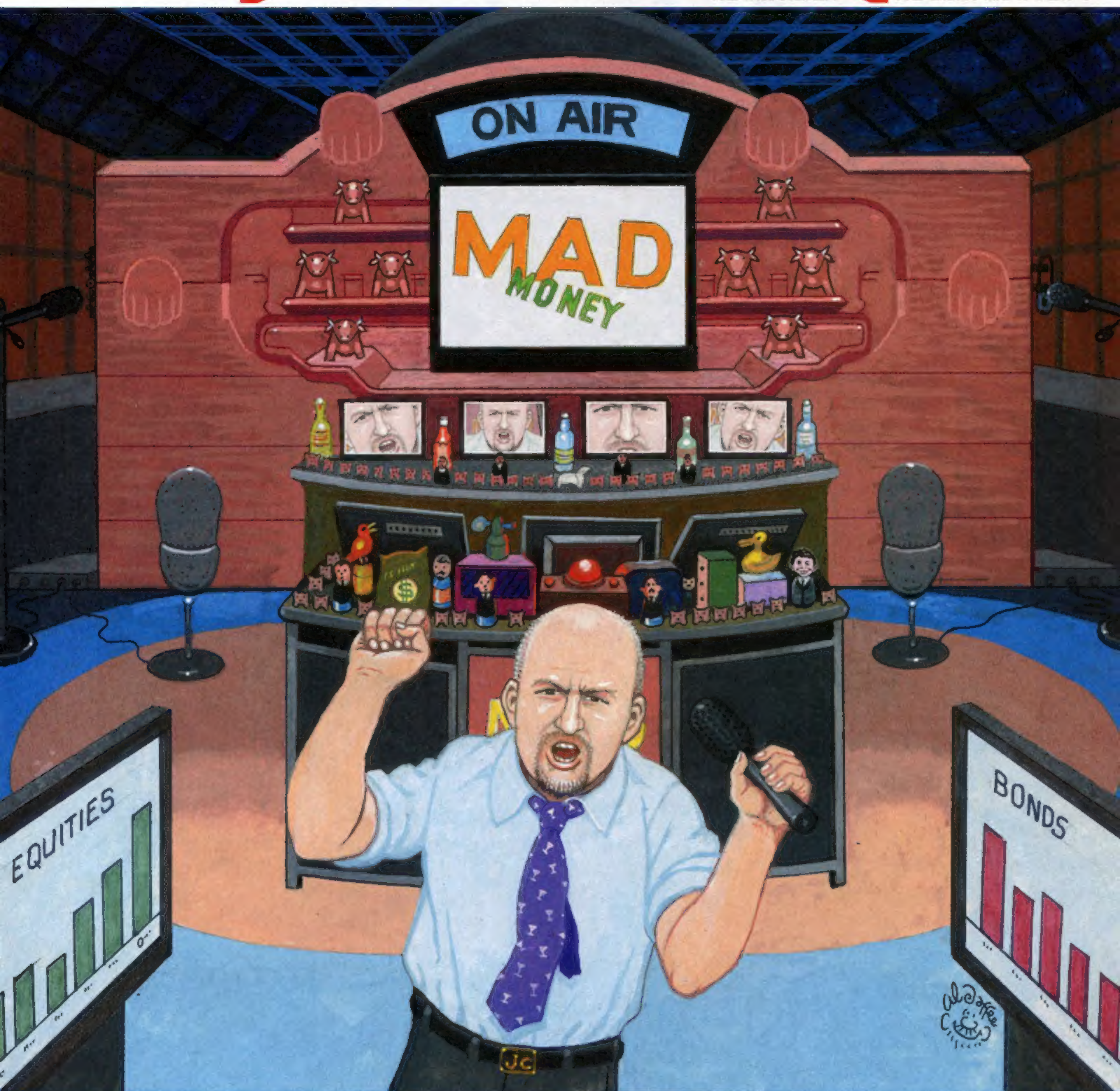
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THE WOULD-BE INVESTOR MAY FIND CRAMER'S ANTICS TOTALLY INTRIGUING. SOME SAY HE'S ONLY ACCIDENTALLY SUCCESSFUL. MANY FEEL HE MUST BE KIDDING. NO ONE CAN KNOW AN ECONOMY'S TREND

A

WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

B

WHAT KIND OF
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PREPARE FOR AN ALL-OUT BRAWL.

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA

TURTLESTM

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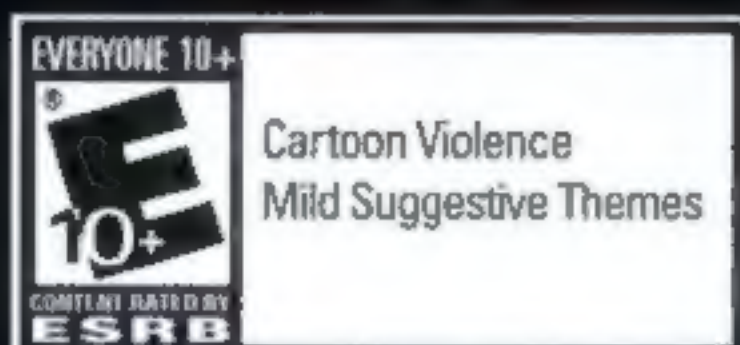


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